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Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

- **Revision of BIS Standards for LPG**

  The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 18, 2026, revised IS 18698: 2026 Dimethyl Ether (DME) Blended Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) — Specification (First Revision).

  The revisions will come into effect from May 15, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **BIS Standards for Environment Management**

  The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 21, 2026, notified the following Standards:
  - IS/ISO 14001: 2026 Environmental Management Systems - Requirements with Guidance for Use (Third Revision)
  - IS 19756: 2026 Benchmarking of Environmental Monitoring Services - Guidelines
  - IS 19766 (Part 2): 2026 ISO 21928-2: 2023 Sustainability in Buildings and Civil Engineering Works - Sustainability Indicators Part 2 Framework for the Development of Indicators for Civil Engineering Works

  The Standards will come into effect from May 14, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

- **Tariff Values Revised for Specified Imported Goods**

  The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on May 15, 2026, issued a notification revising tariff values for specified imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

  The following has been amended:

  - Tariff value of Crude Palm Oil has been revised to USD 1205 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of RBD Palm Oil has been revised to USD 1212 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of other Palm Oil has been revised to USD 1209 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff values applicable to gold and silver in specified forms, including certain semi-manufactured silver products, have also been revised.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Custom Tariff Value for Gold and Silver**

  The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on May 19, 2026, notified the tariff value for the following:

  - Gold, in any form: USD 1508 per 10 grams
  - Silver, in any form: USD 2455 per kilogram
  - Gold bars and coins: USD 1508 per 10 grams

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Rules of Origin Notified under India–Oman CEPA**

  The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs on May 29, 2026, vide Notification No. G.S.R. 419(E) notified the Customs Tariff (Determination of Origin of Goods under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement between India and Oman) Rules, 2026.

  The following has been stated:

  - The Rules prescribe detailed criteria and procedures for determination of originating status of goods claiming preferential tariff treatment under the India–Oman Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).
  - Bilateral cumulation has been permitted for originating materials used in production in the territory of either Party.
  - Conditions relating to packaging materials, accessories, spare parts, indirect materials and inventory management methods have been prescribed for determination of origin.
  - Exporters, producers, importers and issuing authorities have been required to maintain prescribed records and comply with origin verification procedures.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Revision of Tariff Values for Specified Imported Goods**

  The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), on May 29, 2026, issued a notification amending Notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.) to revise tariff values applicable to specified imported goods under the Customs Act, 1962.

  The following has been amended:

  - Tariff value of Crude Palm Oil has been revised to USD 1218 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of RBD Palm Oil has been revised to USD 1222 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of Crude Palmolein has been revised to USD 1230 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of RBD Palmolein has been revised to USD 1233 per metric tonne.
  - Tariff value of Brass Scrap (all grades) has been revised to USD 7655 per metric tonne.
  - The notification shall come into force from May 30, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)

- **Implementation of Aadhaar-based Identification/Authentication under Section 142 of the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on May 22, 2026, issued an Office Memorandum regarding implementation of Aadhaar-based identification/authentication of beneficiaries under Section 142 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.

  The key highlights of the Office Memorandum include:

  - The Office Memorandum refers to the clarification issued by the Ministry of Labour and Employment that Section 142 of the Code may be implemented through executive/administrative action without requirement of a separate notification.

- The implementation relates to Aadhaar-based identification/authentication for registration and availing benefits/services under the ESI Scheme.
- ESIC has advised all Regional Directors, Joint Directors I/c and other field units to implement Aadhaar-based identification/authentication of beneficiaries under Section 142 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 with immediate effect.
- Field units have further been directed to give wider circulation of the requirement among beneficiaries and employers for implementation under the ESI Scheme.

(To view the Office Memorandum, please click here)

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

- **IBBI (Liquidation Process) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026**

  The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), on May 20, 2026, notified the IBBI (Liquidation Process) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026 further amending the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016.

  The following has been amended, namely:

  - Regulation 35 of the IBBI (Liquidation Process) Regulations, 2016 has been amended to prescribe valuation requirements for MSME corporate debtors undergoing liquidation.
  - The amendment provides that the liquidator shall appoint one registered valuer for each class of assets in respect of corporate debtors classified as micro, small or medium enterprises under the MSMED Act, 2006, subject to specified conditions.
  - The amended regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)

- **Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2026**

  The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, on May 27, 2026, notified the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Amendment Rules, 2026 further amending the Companies (Corporate Social Responsibility Policy) Rules, 2014.

  The following has been amended, namely:

  - The Rules introduce the concept of “Zero Coupon Zero Principal Instrument” issued by a Not-for-Profit Organisation registered with the Social Stock Exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange.
  - Companies have been permitted to undertake Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities through subscription to such instruments, subject to a cap of 10% of the company’s total CSR expenditure for the relevant financial year.
  - The amendment exempts companies subscribing to such instruments from undertaking impact assessment of projects funded through the instrument.
  - Specified compliance obligations have been prescribed for Not-for-Profit Organisations issuing such instruments, including project timelines, transfer of unspent amounts to Schedule VII funds and submission of compliance reports to SEBI.

  The Rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Amendment to Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013**

  The Ministry of Corporate Affairs, on May 27, 2026, issued a notification further amending Schedule VII to the Companies Act, 2013.

  The following has been amended:

  - A new item has been inserted in Schedule VII recognising "subscription to zero coupon zero principal instruments on Social Stock Exchange" as an eligible Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity.
  - The amendment enables companies to undertake eligible CSR expenditure through subscription to such instruments issued on the Social Stock Exchange framework.
  - It has been further stated that the notification shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Ministry of Finance (MoF)

- **Revision in Special Additional Excise Duty Rates of Notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise**

  The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on May 15, 2026, issued Notification amending Notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026.

  The following has been amended:
  - Against Serial No. 1, the rate specified in column (4) has been revised to INR 3 per litre.
  - Against Serial No. 2, the rate specified in column (4) has been revised to INR 16.5 per litre.

  The notification shall come into force from May 16, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Revision in Special Additional Excise Duty Rates of Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise**

  The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on May 15, 2026, issued a notification amending Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise dated March 26, 2026.
  The following has been amended:
  - Against Serial No. 1, the rate specified in column (4) has been revised to INR 16 per litre.

  The notification shall come into force from May 16, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Central Excise Duty Rates Revised on Specified Petroleum Product Exports**

  The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), on May 30, 2026, issued Notification Nos. 22/2026-Central Excise and 23/2026-Central Excise further amending earlier Central Excise notifications relating to Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on export of specified petroleum products.

  The following has been amended:
  - Under Notification No. 22/2026-Central Excise, the SAED rate applicable to export of specified petroleum products covered under Notification No. 06/2026-Central Excise has been revised to INR 3 per litre and INR 16.5 per litre against the respective entries in the notified table.
  - Under Notification No. 23/2026-Central Excise, the SAED rate applicable to export of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) covered under Notification No. 08/2026-Central Excise has been revised to INR 16 per litre.

  The notifications shall come into effect from June 1, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Exemption from Customs Duty on Cotton Imports**

  The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) on May 30, 2026, issued a Notification granting exemption on the import of cotton falling under Heading 5201 of the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.

  The following has been stated, namely:
  - Cotton falling under Heading 5201 has been exempted from the whole of customs duty leviable under the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, 1975.
  - The imported cotton has also been exempted from the whole of the Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) leviable under Section 124 of the Finance Act, 2021.
  - The exemption shall come into force with effect from June 01, 2026, and shall remain in force up to October 31, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Notification regarding Preferential Tariff and AIDC Concessions for Imports from Oman**

  The Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) on May 31, 2026, vide Notification No. G.S.R. 423(E) notified concessional customs duty rates and Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) concessions for specified goods imported from Oman.

  The following has been stated:
  - Specified goods listed under Schedule I shall be eligible for reduced customs duty rates.
  - Specified goods listed under Schedule II shall be eligible for concessional customs duty rates along with reduced AIDC rates.
  - Specified goods listed under Schedule III shall be eligible for preferential tariff treatment within prescribed Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) limits, subject to specified in-quota customs duty and AIDC rates.

- The concessional benefits shall be subject to compliance with the Customs (Administration of Rules of Origin under Trade Agreements) Rules, 2020 (CAROTAR) and prescribed Rules of Origin requirements.

(To view the Notification, please click here)

Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI)

- **Revision of Import Policy for Specified Silver Items**

  The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on May 16, 2026, issued a notification amending the import policy conditions for specified silver items under ITC (HS) 2022 Schedule-I (Import Policy).

  The following has been amended:

  - The import policy applicable to specified silver items under ITC (HS) Codes 71069221 and 71069229 has been revised from "Free" to "Restricted".
  - The amendment applies to specified semi-manufactured silver products falling under Chapter 71 of ITC (HS) 2022.
  - The revised policy has been made subject to Policy Condition No. 7 of Chapter 71 under the Import Policy Schedule.

  It has been further stated that the amendment shall take effect immediately.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- **Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026**

  The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, on May 29, 2026, issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Eighth Amendment) Rules, 2026 further amending the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

  The following has been amended:

  - Rule 115J of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has been omitted.
  - Revised type approval requirements have been prescribed for hydrogen-powered internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
  - The amendment incorporates AIS 195:2023, AIS 195A:2024, AIS 157:2020, AIS 157A:2024 and AIS 206:2024 standards for approval and compliance purposes.
  - Hydrogen fuel specifications have been aligned with IS 16061:2021 and ISO 14687 standards.
  - The revised provisions have been made applicable to Category M, N, L and Construction Equipment Vehicles.

  The Rules shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

- **Notification regarding Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026**

  The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, on May 25, 2026, issued a notification appointing the effective date for enforcement of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026. The notification has been issued in exercise of powers conferred under Section 1(2) of the Amendment Act.

  The Central Government has appointed May 25, 2026 as the date on which the provisions of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026 shall come into force.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Amendment of BIS Standards for Natural Gas**

  The Bureau of Indian Standards on May 20, 2026, notified the following Standards:

  - IS 15129: 2002 ISO 14111: 1997 Natural Gas - Guidelines to Traceability in Analysis
  - IS 15130 (Part 1): 2017 ISO 6974-1: 2012 Natural Gas - Determination of Composition with Defined Uncertainty by Gas Chromatography Part 1 Guidelines for Tailored Analysis (First Revision)
  - IS 15130 (Part 4): 2002 ISO 6974-4: 2000 Natural Gas - Determination of Composition with Defined Uncertainty by Gas Chromatography Part 4 Determination of Nitrogen, Carbon Dioxide and C1 to C5 and C6+ Hydrocarbon for a Laboratory and OnLine Measuring System Using Two Columns

  The Standards will come into effect from May 14, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Industry-wise updates

Agriculture & other rural sectors

- **Notification regarding Plant Varieties under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001**

  The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, on May 22, 2026, issued a notification further amending the notification relating to registration of plant varieties under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001.

  The following has been stated, namely:
  - Additional plant varieties including knol khol, turnip, avocado, dragon fruit, kale, sapota and lettuce have been included in the notified list eligible for registration and protection under the Act.
  - Certain ornamental and horticultural varieties have also been added to the notified schedule.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Chemical industries

- **Ceiling Price of Benzathine Benzylpenicillin Injection**

  The Department of Pharmaceuticals, on May 27, 2026, issued an order revising the ceiling price of Benzathine Benzylpenicillin injection under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

  The Order states the following:
  - The ceiling price of Benzathine Benzylpenicillin Powder for Injection (6 lakh units) has been revised from INR 11.97 per vial to INR 13.42 per vial, excluding applicable Goods and Services Tax.
  - Manufacturers selling the scheduled formulation above the notified ceiling price have been directed to revise prices downward in accordance with the order.
  - The order further prescribes compliance obligations relating to price lists, quarterly returns, discontinuation notices and reporting requirements under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013

  (To view the Order, please click here)

Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

- **Draft Food Safety Amendment Regulations Issued by FSSAI**

  The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), on May 25, 2026, notified the draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, 2026 further amending the Food Safety and Standards (Food Products Standards and Food Additives) Regulations, 2011.

  The following has been proposed:
  - New standards and quality parameters have been proposed for specified secondary seed oils including chilli seed oil, melon seed oil, okra seed oil and tomato seed oil.
  - The draft amendment prescribes requirements relating to composition, quality characteristics and permissible limits for the notified edible oils.
  - FSSAI has invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders within sixty days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing the notification are made available to the public.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Labour & Employment

- **Inspection Charges Prescribed for Exempted EPF and EDLI Establishments**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, issued a notification prescribing inspection charges payable by exempted establishments under Section 143 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.

  The following has been stated:
  - Employers of establishments or class of establishments, or any person or class of persons exempted from the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 shall pay inspection charges at the rate of 0.35% of wages, subject to a minimum inspection charge of INR 8,750, to the Provident Fund Administration Account.

- Employers exempted from the Employees' Deposit-Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 shall pay inspection charges at the rate of 0.005% of wages, subject to a minimum inspection charge of INR 1,250, to the Insurance Fund Administration Account.
- The prescribed inspection charges are required to be deposited within 15 days from the close of every month.

(To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Notification regarding Wage Ceiling under the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, notified the wage ceiling of INR 15,000 per month for the purpose of Chapter III of the Social Security Code, 2020.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Appointment Of Authorised Officers under Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, notified the appointment of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner and Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner will function as the authorised officers for the purpose of Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Appointment of Recovery Officers under Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, notified the appointment of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner and Enforcement Officer of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation as the Recovery Officers under Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020, for the whole of India.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Officers to act as Inspector-cum-Facilitators under Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, notified the appointment of the Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner, Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Assistant Provident Fund Commissioner, and Enforcement Officer of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation to be Inspector-cum-Facilitators under Chapter III of the Code on Social Security, 2020, for the whole of India.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Notification regarding Rate of Simple Interest to be paid by Employers under the Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Ministry of Labour and Employment, on May 29, 2026, notified that, employers will be liable to pay simple interest at the rate of 12% per annum on any amount due from him, from the date on which such amount has become due till the date of its actual payment under the Code on Social Security, 2020.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Telecommunication

- **TEC Standard for 5G Dual Core Equipment**

  The Department of Telecommunications, on May 20, 2026, issued a notification notifying TEC 21130:2025 Generic Requirements for 5G Dual Core telecommunication equipment under the Telecommunication Act, 2023. It is stated that the standard TEC 21130:2025 titled "Generic Requirements – 5G Dual Core" has been notified for telecommunication equipment.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Shipping, ports, fisheries

- **Merchant Shipping (Radio Communication) Rules, 2026**

  The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, on May 20, 2026, notified the Merchant Shipping (Radio Communication) Rules, 2026 under the Merchant Shipping Act, 2025.

  The following has been stated, namely:

- The Rules prescribe radio communication, distress alert and maritime safety communication requirements applicable to passenger ships, cargo ships, high-speed craft and mobile offshore drilling units.
- Detailed provisions relating to Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) functions, distress signals, satellite communication services and ship radio equipment requirements have been introduced.
- The Rules further provide requirements relating to maritime safety information, search and rescue communication, ship-to-ship communication and recognised mobile satellite services.
- The Merchant Shipping (Distress and Safety Radio Communication) Rules, 1995 have been superseded, except in respect of actions already taken or omitted to be done before such supersession.

The Rules shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette

(To view the Notification, please click here)

Transport including aviation, railways, road, inland waterways

- **Draft Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2026**

  The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways on May 20, 2026, added provisions for Type Approval of Road Ambulances of Vehicle Categories L and M.

  The draft will be open for objections for 30 days.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

State-wise updates

Andaman and Nicobar Islands

- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026**
  The Ministry of Law and Justice, vide notification dated May 25, 2026, notified the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026. The Regulation provides the maintenance of a Fire and Emergency Service and for the fire prevention and fire safety measures in various types of buildings and premises.

  The key provisions of the Notification include:
  - Fire tax will be levied on lands and buildings which are covered under the regulation.
  - Owners and occupiers of buildings are required to implement fire prevention and life safety measures and obtain a Fire Safety Certificate. The certificate will remain valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issuance.
  - Owners and occupiers of the buildings will be required to appoint a qualified Fire Safety Officer to oversee compliance with prescribed fire safety requirements.

  (To view the Draft Amendment, please click here)

Andhra Pradesh

- **Draft Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026**
  The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) vide notification dated May 22, 2026, issued the Draft Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement, Investment and Cost Control) Regulations, 2026.

  - Formulated under the Electricity Act, 2003, this draft introduces updated guidelines to govern capital investment, procurement processes, and cost control mechanisms for utilities operating within the state.
  - This Regulation applies to Transmission schemes above INR 20 Crores; and Distribution schemes above INR 5 Crores
  - The draft regulation has been formally uploaded to the Commission's official website to allow for transparent public review and broad stakeholder consultation.
  - Stakeholders, industry experts, and consumer groups are invited to submit their formal comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed framework.

  Feedback can be submitted either via email or through physical post directed to the Commission's office located at Kurnool. The final date for submitting comments or objections is June 15, 2026.

  (To view the Draft Regulations, please click here)

Assam

- **Revised VDA Rates Notified for Contract Workers**
  The Labour Department, Government of Assam, on May 13, 2026, issued a notification revising the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) payable to contract workers with effect from January 01, 2026.
  The following has been stated:
  - The revised VDA rates shall apply to workmen employed through contractors in cases not covered under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 and where such contract workers do not perform the same or similar work as workers directly employed by the principal employer.
  - Based on the all-India CPI-IW average of 424.80 for July-December 2025, the cumulative VDA for the period January-June 2026 has been fixed at 57.92%.
  - Accordingly, revised wage rates effective from January 01, 2026 have been notified as
  - Unskilled - INR 395/day
  - Semi-skilled - INR 458/day
  - Skilled - INR 585/day
  - Highly Skilled - INR 727/day
  - The notification further reiterates conditions relating to overtime wages, weekly day of rest, paid holidays, festival leave, annual leave with wages and Leave Travel Concession applicable to contract workers under the Assam Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Rules, 1971.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Bihar

- **Appointment of Registering Officers under Code on Social Security, 2020**

  The Government of Bihar, on May 25, 2026, issued a notification under Section 106 of the Code on Social Security, 2020 appointing all Labour Enforcement Officers as "Registering Officers" for registration of construction workers in the State. The notification further omits all previous notifications issued in relation to registration of construction workers.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Chandigarh

- **Draft Legal Metrology (Enforcement) 2nd Amendment Rules, 2026**

  The Chandigarh Administration, vide notification dated May 22, 2026, issued the Draft Chandigarh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2026. This notification proposes key updates to the principal Chandigarh Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011, introducing a risk-based categorization to simplify compliance for commercial and industrial establishments.

  The proposed framework introduces a tiered approach to equipment verification:

  - Low-Risk Weights and Measures: Verification and stamping will be permitted through self-certification by applicants using the newly introduced Form A.
  - Medium and High-Risk Weights and Measures: Verification can be completed via third-party certification issued by licensed repairers using Form B.
  - Compliance Formats (Schedule XIII): Addition of Schedule XIII, prescribing standardized formats for both self-certification and third-party validation.

  The administration has opened a public consultation period for businesses and the general public to submit feedback on or before June 06, 2026.

  (To view the Draft Amendment, please click here)

Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

- **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Registration of Societies Regulation, 2026**

  The Ministry of Law and Justice, on May 15, 2026, issued the Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Registration of Societies Regulation, 2026. The Regulation consolidates the legal framework relating to registration, regulation and governance of societies in the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.

  The notification states the following, namely:

  - Detailed provisions relating to registration of societies, governance structure, membership, governing bodies, filing requirements and regulatory oversight have been introduced.
  - The Regulation further provides for appointment of Registrar General, Registrar, District Registrars and other officers for administration and enforcement of the Regulation.
  - Provisions relating to inspection, inquiry, cancellation, dispute resolution and management of defunct societies have also been prescribed.

  The Regulation shall come into force on such date as may be notified by the Administrator in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Regulation, please click here)

Goa

- **Goa Notifies Paid Holiday for Panchayat Bye-Elections**

  The Department of General Administration, Government of Goa, vide notification dated May 19, 2026, declared a paid holiday, under the statutory powers conferred by Section 40A(1) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, to facilitate voter turnout for the local body bye-elections.

  The notification provides Sunday, May 24, 2026, as a declared mandatory paid holiday for all eligible voters residing and registered in the specified wards of Village Panchayats across the North Goa and Kushavati districts. This paid holiday operates in addition to the standard public holidays already designated by the state for the calendar year. It universally covers workers of any establishment in commercial and industrial undertakings as well as daily wage/ casual workers employed in any business, trade, industrial undertakings, Government departments or any other private establishments.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Cancellation of Paid Holiday for Arpora Nagoa Panchayat Bye-Election**

  The Government of Goa, through notification dated May 21, 2026, announced the cancellation of the previously scheduled paid holiday for the village panchayat bye-election.

  The updated administrative directive clarifies the following:

  - Cancellation of Leave: The paid holiday originally slated for Sunday, May 24, 2026, has been officially withdrawn. This cancels the provisions laid out in the earlier notification (No. 2/2/2010-GAD-III/Vol.I/2049) issued on May 19, 2026.

- Affected Area: The withdrawal applies specifically to Ward No. III of Village Panchayat Arpora Nagoa.
- Reason for Decision: The Goa State Election Commission declared that the bye-election for this specific ward would no longer be conducted because the candidate was elected unopposed. Since no polling is required, the baseline justification for the voter holiday no longer applies.

(To view the Notification, please click here)

Govt of NCT of Delhi

- **Draft Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026**

The Department of Legal Metrology, Delhi, vide notification dated May 11, 2026, issued the Draft Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Amendment Rules, 2026. This update proposes major changes to the principal Delhi Legal Metrology (Enforcement) Rules, 2011, significantly simplifying the operational lifecycle for businesses handling weights and measures.

The proposed amendments focus heavily on cutting administrative red tape through the following provisions:

- Inspection-Free Onboarding: Licenses for manufacturers, repairers, and dealers will be granted strictly on a self-declaration basis, completely eliminating the need for prior physical inspections by authorities.
- Indefinite Validity & No renewal: Once granted, licenses will remain valid indefinitely, meaning businesses are no longer subject to recurring expiration dates, provided they remain in continuous compliance.
- Grandfather Clause: All valid licenses issued prior to this 2026 amendment will remain legally active until their explicitly stated expiry date. Once those legacy licenses expire, businesses must transition into the new system by obtaining a fresh license under the self-declaration rules.

Stakeholders, commercial entities, and trade associations have a 30-day window from the date of issue to submit their objections or structural suggestions.

(To view the Draft Amendment, please click here)

- **Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025**

The Delhi Fire Service, through a notification dated May 26, 2026, has introduced the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025. This update modifies the foundational Delhi Fire Service Rules, 2010, aiming to modernize administrative divisions, occupancy classifications, and compliance procedures across the National Capital Territory.

The Amendment states the following:

- Revision in key terminology, including the definitions for "Fire Safety Auditor," "Fire Safety Certificate," and the "National Building Code of India". It formally enables the empanelment of third-party Fire Safety Auditors to manage certification and structural compliance.
- Redefining of the layout of Fire Zones, Fire Divisions, and Fire Sub-Divisions across Delhi.
- Transitioning of financial operations to allow online payment mechanisms for various service fees.
- Updation in the classifications for buildings and temporary structures likely to pose fire risks.

While the majority of these provisions come into force immediately. However, specific amendments and designated schedules are deferred and will become effective after 90 days.

(To view the Amendment, please click here)

Gujarat

- **Draft GERC (Grid Interactive Battery Energy Storage System) Regulations, 2026**

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (GERC) vide notification dated May 12, 2026, issued the Draft GERC (Grid Interactive Battery Energy Storage System) Regulations, 2026. This draft establishes a comprehensive regulatory framework for the planning, deployment, operation, scheduling, despatch, and utilisation of battery storage across the state, aiming to enhance grid flexibility and accelerate renewable energy integration.

The Draft states the following:

- Broad Eligibility & Ownership: The framework permits a wide spectrum of entities to own and operate BESS, including generating companies, transmission and distribution licensees, independent storage developers, captive generating plants, aggregators, and consumers/prosumers.
- Mandatory Registration with GEDA: All grid-connected BESS projects must be registered with the Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA). Furthermore, GEDA is required to formulate and issue detailed standard operating procedures (SOPs) within three months of the final notification.
- Operational & Security Guidelines: The draft lays down clear provisions governing scheduling, despatch, energy accounting, and ancillary services.

(To view the Draft Regulations, please click here)

Himachal Pradesh

- **Draft Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Himachal Pradesh) Rules, 2026**

  The Government of Himachal Pradesh, through the Department of Labour, Employment & Overseas Placement, vide notification dated May 22, 2026, published the draft Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions (Himachal Pradesh) Rules, 2026. These rules establish a modernized, digital-first framework for labor compliance and industrial safety across the state once finalized.

  The draft clarifies the following:

  - Electronic registration of establishments and ongoing compliance management through the centralized Labour Department portal. Establishments are required to submit formal online notices upon the commencement or cessation of their operations.
  - Employers must systematically issue formalized appointment letters and identity cards to their workforce.
  - Initial registration fee scale tied directly to total employee strength.
    - Establishments employing up to 19 workers will attract a registration fee of INR 3,000.
    - Larger workforce categories will be scaled proportionately up to a maximum fee of INR 50,000.
  - To ensure workplace safety, employers must enforce structured periodic medical check-ups and maintain robust employee health records:
    - General Employees (Above 45 years of age): Annual medical examinations are mandatory.
    - Hazardous Process Workers: Specialized medical screenings must be conducted every six months.

  Objections or suggestions must be formally submitted to the Labour Commissioner within 45 days from the date of publication in the Himachal Pradesh e-Gazette.

  (To view the Draft Rules, please click here)

Jharkhand

- **Revision of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) under the Code on Wages, 2019**

  The Government of Jharkhand, on May 25, 2026, notified the revision of Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) under Section 6 of the Code on Wages, 2019 for employees engaged in scheduled employments in the State.

  The key highlights of the notification include:

  - The VDA has been revised on the basis of the average All India Consumer Price Index for the period July, 2025 to December, 2025, resulting in a 10% increase over the base index of 386 points.
  - Revised minimum wage rates (inclusive of VDA) have been prescribed separately for Category A, B and C areas of the State for unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled and highly skilled employees.
  - For Category A areas, revised daily wage rates have been prescribed as:
    - Unskilled - INR 515/day
    - Semi-skilled - INR 540/day
    - Skilled - INR 712/day
    - Highly Skilled - INR 821/day
  - For Category B areas, revised daily wage rates have been prescribed as:
    - Unskilled - INR 491/day
    - Semi-skilled - INR 515/day
    - Skilled - INR 679/day
    - Highly Skilled - INR 783/day
  - For Category C areas, revised daily wage rates have been prescribed as:
    - Unskilled - INR 467/day
    - Semi-skilled - INR 491/day
    - Skilled - INR 647/day
    - Highly Skilled - INR 746/day
  - The notification further clarifies that wages shall vary with increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index, however, no reduction in wages shall be made if the index falls below the level on which wages were fixed/revised.

  The revised rates have been made effective retrospectively from April 01, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Karnataka

- **Consolidated Revision of Minimum Wages for 81 Scheduled Employments**
  The Government of Karnataka, vide notification dated May 22, 2026, issued a consolidated revision of the minimum wage structure for 81 scheduled employments under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948.
  - The revised framework comes into force immediately and outlines the following directives:
  - The revision covers existing sectors under Schedule 1 (60+ established employments), special sectors under Schedule 2 (such as scavenging, power generation, foundries, and chemicals), and newly added segments under Schedule 3 (including e-commerce, cyber centres, and religious institutions).
  - Wages are structured across three geographical zones (Zone-1: Bengaluru; Zone-2: District Headquarters and cities; Zone-3: Other areas) and four skill categories (Highly Skilled, Skilled, Semi-Skilled, and Unskilled).
  - Updated rates reflect substantial increases. For instance, an Unskilled worker in Zone-1 is now entitled to a minimum of INR 989 per day (i.e., INR 25,714 per month), while skilled categories scale up to INR 1,316.36 per day (i.e., INR 34,225 per month).
  - Working hours are standardized at 8 hours per day for full wage calculations. Any overtime or holiday work must be compensated at double the normal wage rate.
  - Additionally, the directive mandates equal pay for equal work across all genders, including the third gender, and enforces uniform wages for differently-abled workers performing equivalent tasks.

  The notification clarifies that to safeguard against inflation, the VDA will be revised annually on April 01. It is linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and calculated at INR 0.04 per day per CPI point above the base threshold of 9,469.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Lakshadweep

- **Lakshadweep Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026**
  The Ministry of Law and Justice (MLJ), vide notification dated May 15, 2026, promulgated the Lakshadweep Fire and Emergency Service Regulation, 2026. This regulation establishes a unified legal framework for fire prevention, life safety, and emergency response management across the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.
  The Regulations provides the following:
  - Formal setup and administration of the Lakshadweep Fire and Emergency Service. This includes the operational deployment of fire stations and emergency response infrastructure, alongside the strategic appointment of a Director/Chief Fire Officer, Fire Officers, and Fire Safety Officers.
  - Essential structural and operational terminology, explicitly classifying terms related to buildings, occupiers, fire prevention protocols, emergencies, firefighting property, and regional disaster response mechanisms.
  - It grants authorities the legal power to execute fire safety enforcement, conduct formal investigations into fire incidents, set up operational or training structures, coordinate crisis management activities, and enforce fire prevention standards.

  (To view the Regulations, please click here)

Maharashtra

- **Authorisation to Conduct POSH Compliance Inspections in Maharashtra**The Industries, The Women and Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra, on May 14, 2026, issued a circular authorising officers and employees for conducting inspections under the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (POSH Act).
  The following has been stated, namely:
  - The Circular authorises District Officers, Women and Child Development Department officials, Child Development Project Officers and other specified officers to conduct inspections of government and private establishments for verification of compliance under the POSH Act, 2013.
  - A detailed POSH compliance inspection checklist has also been prescribed covering constitution of Internal Committees (IC), POSH policies, awareness programmes, complaint redressal mechanisms, confidentiality requirements, annual reporting obligations and SHe-Box portal compliance.
  - The Circular further states that deficiencies identified during inspection may result in penal action under Section 26 of the POSH Act, 2013.

  (To view the Circular, please click here)

- **Notification regarding Reduction in MVAT Rate**
  The Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra, on May 14, 2026, issued a notification under the Maharashtra Value Added Tax Act, 2002 amending Schedule 'B' appended to the Act.

  The following has been amended:
  - The rate specified under entry 6 of Schedule 'B' has been reduced from 18% to 7% for the period commencing from May 15, 2026 and ending on November 14, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Maharashtra Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026**
  The Finance Department, Government of Maharashtra, on May 19, 2026, notified the Maharashtra Value Added Tax (Amendment) Rules, 2026, further amending the Maharashtra Value Added Tax Rules, 2005.

  The following has been amended, namely:
  - A proviso has been inserted under Rule 17(3) of the Maharashtra Value Added Tax Rules, 2005 relating to deferment of payment of tax in cases of ad-hoc tax payment.
  - Where a dealer makes ad-hoc payment of tax of not less than 70% of the tax actually paid for the immediately preceding return period before the last day of any month, deferment of tax payment for the relevant return period shall be permitted.
  - The due date for payment of equivalent tax amount for the immediately succeeding return period may also be deferred by the corresponding number of days, subject to conditions, restrictions and safeguards specified by the Commissioner.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Manipur

- **Aadhaar Authentication Permitted for Digital Governance Services**
  The Government of Manipur, on May 15, 2026, issued a notification permitting Aadhaar authentication for delivery of citizen-centric digital governance services under the Aadhaar Authentication for Good Governance (Social Welfare, Innovation, Knowledge) Rules, 2020.

  The following has been stated, namely:
  - The Department of Information Technology, Government of Manipur has been permitted to undertake Aadhaar authentication using Yes/No and e-KYC authentication facilities for verification of identity while accessing the unified service portal of the State Government.
  - It has been clarified that Aadhaar authentication shall be conducted on a voluntary basis and alternate identification documents including Voter ID and Driving Licence shall also be accepted.
  - The notification covers multiple citizen-centric digital services including registration and licence of shops and establishments, employment exchange registration and renewal, property tax payment, municipal waste collection registration, water and electricity connection services and grievance filing.

  The notification shall come into effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Meghalaya

- **White Category Industries Exempted from CTE and CTO**
  The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), on May 19, 2026, issued a notification adopting the revised list of White Category industrial sectors and granting exemption from Consent requirements under pollution control laws.

  The key highlights of the notification include:
  - The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board has adopted the revised list of 86 White Category industrial sectors notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide Notification No. G.S.R. 761(E) dated October 17, 2025.
  - The notified White Category industrial sectors have been exempted from obtaining Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Amendment Act, 2024.
  - The exempted sectors include specified low-pollution industries such as compressed biogas plants based on non-industrial feedstock, solar power generation units, small food processing units, assembling units, garment manufacturing units, repair workshops, packaging units and other notified sectors.

  It has been further stated that the notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

Puducherry

- **Fire Safety Guidelines for Residential & Commercial Buildings**

  The Fire Service Department, Puducherry, on May 26, 2026, issued comprehensive Fire Safety Guidelines for Residential & Commercial Buildings to minimize fire risks during the summer season. The advisory highlights the necessity of preventive measures as the increased use of cooling appliances elevates the chances of electrical overheating and short circuits.

  The administrative guidelines clarifies the following:

  For offices, shops, and institutions, the installation and routine maintenance of fire protection systems (including extinguishers, hydrants, sprinklers, and alarms) is mandatory.

  Establishments are required to conduct regular safety audits, organize mock drills, properly train employees in evacuation protocols, clearly mark emergency exits, and maintain rigorous housekeeping standards.

  Commercial spaces are strictly prohibited from blocking exit routes, overloading electrical infrastructure, storing flammable goods improperly, making unauthorized structural changes, or operating with disabled or non-functional fire safety equipment.

  Due to the spike in electrical loads from cooling units, the advisory mandates the regular servicing of critical infrastructure like transformers, diesel generator (DG) sets, HVAC systems, and inverters.

  (To view the Guidelines, please click here)

Rajasthan

- **Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (Battery Energy Storage Systems) Regulations, 2026**

  The Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC), vide notification dated May 13, 2026, notified the RERC (Battery Energy Storage Systems) Regulations, 2026. The Regulations are applicable to all Licensees, Generating Companies, Renewable Energy Developers, Aggregators, Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Service Providers, Consumers/Prosumers, etc. involved in planning, procurement, deployment, operation, or utilization of BESS. The regulation aims to promote grid stability, renewable energy integration, ancillary services participation, and cost-effective energy storage solutions.

  The key highlights of the Regulations, include:

  - Generating companies, BESS Developers are to establish BESS at any point in the system, after obtaining due approvals.
  - BESS are now eligible to provide ancillary services such as frequency regulation, voltage support, spinning reserves, black start services, and demand response, with safeguards against double accounting of revenues and benefits.
  - All consumers/prosumers are permitted to establish behind-the-meter BESS up to their contract demand, with or without solar power plants.
  - BESS projects will be eligible for Open Access, with applicable charges will be levied in accordance with the RERC Green Energy Open Access Regulations.

  (To view the Regulation, please click here)

Sikkim

- **Retrofitting of Emission Control Devices Directed for Old Generator Sets**

  The State Pollution Control Board-Sikkim, on May 18, 2026, issued a direction regarding retrofitting of Emission Control Devices (RECD) in old generator sets for consideration of renewal of Consent to Operate (CTO).

  The Direction states the following, namely:

  - Industries, institutions and establishments operating generator sets of 15 KVA and above have been directed to retrofit generator sets exceeding 15 years of age with emission control devices as per CPCB guidelines for consideration of renewal of Consent to Operate (CTO).
  - Operation of generator sets older than 15 years without valid Consent to Operate has been directed to be stopped immediately.
  - The direction further states that operation of such old generator sets shall be permitted only on a case-to-case basis subject to necessary retrofitting and compliance with prescribed emission standards.

  (To view the Direction, please click here)

Uttarakhand

- **Mining Digital Transformation & Surveillance System (MDTSS)**

  The Government of Uttarakhand, through the Directorate of Geology and Mining, issued an official notification on May 13, 2026, announcing the state-wide deployment of the Mining Digital Transformation & Surveillance System (MDTSS). This initiative is designed to curb illegal mining operations, streamline resource transportation, and maximize state revenue through enhanced digital oversight.

  The notification states the following:
  - All authorized mining leases, storage facilities, screening plants, and stone crushers operating across the state must integrate their on-site computerized weighbridges and CCTV cameras directly with the MDTSS software application.
  - Plant and facility owners are strictly instructed to complete this digital integration via the departmental Mineral Management portal on or before May 31, 2026.
  - Starting June 01, 2026, the issuance of mandatory e-rawannas (transit passes required for mineral transportation) will be completely blocked for any facility that has failed to successfully integrate its systems with the MDTSS portal.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

West Bengal

- **Annual Health Check-up Programme for ESIC Insured Persons Above 40 Years**

  The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), Regional Office Kolkata, on May 12, 2026, issued a circular regarding the Annual Health Check-up Programme for insured persons aged 40 years and above under the ESI Scheme.

  The Circular states that ESIC has commenced a free Annual Health Check-up Programme for insured persons above 40 years of age with effect from May 07, 2026. The programme includes clinical examination, laboratory investigations and medical consultations at no cost, with the objective of promoting preventive healthcare practices and facilitating early detection of non-communicable diseases among workers. Employers registered under ESIC in the West Bengal Region have been requested to disseminate information regarding the programme and encourage eligible insured persons to attend health check-up camps organized at nearby ESIC and ESIS hospitals.

  (To view the Circular, please click here)

- **Temporary Extension of Boiler Certificate Validity for Specified Boilers**

  The Labour Department, Government of West Bengal, on May 25, 2026, issued a notification granting temporary exemption to specified categories of boilers under the Boilers Act, 2025. The exemption has been issued considering the impact of geopolitical disruptions in West Asia on energy supplies and industrial operations.

  The following has been stated, namely:
  - The notification applies to specified high-capacity boilers, including boilers with steam generation capacity of 100 tonnes per hour and above, used in power plants and certain oil, gas, petrochemical and fertiliser units.
  - A one-time temporary extension of three months in validity of the Certificate for Use has been permitted for eligible boilers whose certificate validity is expiring within the next 3-6 months.
  - The extension is subject to necessary safeguards, verification of working parameters and satisfactory external inspection by Competent Persons under the Boilers Act, 2025.
  - It has been further stated that the notification shall remain valid for a period of six months from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

- **Mandatory E-Way Bill Requirement Introduced for Intra-State Movement of Goods**

  The Directorate of Commercial Taxes, Government of West Bengal, on May 22, 2026, issued a notification mandating generation of e-way bills for specified intra-State movement of goods within West Bengal.

  The following has been stated, namely:
  - E-way bills shall be mandatory for intra-State movement of goods originating and terminating within the State of West Bengal where the consignment value exceeds INR 50,000.
  - The requirement shall not apply to intra-State movement of goods relating to job work as defined under Section 2(68) of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 and the West Bengal Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
  - The notification has been issued in supersession of Notification No. 03/2023-C.T./GST dated December 18, 2023, except in respect of actions already taken or omitted to be done before such supersession.
  - The notification shall come into force with effect from June 01, 2026.

  (To view the Notification, please click here)

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