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Security and Exchange Board of India

SEBI's Circular on Guidelines for Investment Advisers, Circular Dated: 08th January, 2025.

SEBI notified amendments introduced to the SEBI (Investment Advisers) Regulations, 2013 which introduces new guidelines for investment advisers (IAs), including revised deposit requirements based on client numbers, registration provisions for both investment advisers and research analysts, and guidelines for part-time investment advisers. The regulations also mandates the designation of a "principal officer," the appointment of an independent compliance officer, and stricter segregation of advisory and distribution activities. Additionally, IAs must comply with new disclosure requirements, including the use of artificial intelligence in advisory services and the flexibility in charging fees. Other provisions include mandatory agreements with clients, record-keeping, and annual compliance audits. IAs must also maintain a functional website with specified details. These changes aim to enhance transparency, improve operational standards, and protect investor interests in the securities market.

This circular can be accessed [Here](#).

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IBBI's Circular on Extension of time for filing Forms to monitor liquidation and voluntary liquidation processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and regulations made thereunder, Circular Dated: 09th January, 2025.



SEBI's Circular on Procedure for seeking a waiver or reduction of interest in respect of recovery proceedings initiated for failure to pay penalty, Circular Dated: 10th January, 2025.

This circular issued by SEBI outlines the procedure for seeking a waiver or reduction of interest on recovery proceedings initiated due to the failure to pay penalties. It specifies that the Recovery Officer, following the provisions of the Income-tax Act, can levy interest, and that the power to waive or reduce the interest is delegated to the Competent Authority. The application for waiver or reduction can be submitted to the Recovery Officer, provided certain conditions are met, such as genuine hardship, circumstances beyond control, and cooperation during the recovery process. The application must be complete, with the principal amount fully paid. The decision will be made within twelve months, and applicants will be given a chance to be heard before any rejection. Certain cases, such as interest for failure to remit fees or disgorgement, are excluded from this provision. The circular is effective immediately.

This circular can be accessed [Here](#).

SEBI's Circular on Revise and Revamp Nomination Facilities in the Indian Securities Market, Circular Dated: 10th January, 2025.

The circular issued by SEBI revises and revamps the nomination facilities for demat accounts and mutual fund (MF) folios to reduce unclaimed assets in the Indian securities market. It outlines key changes, including mandatory nominations for single-holding accounts, the ability for investors to nominate up to 10 individuals, and the requirement for personal identifiers such as PAN or Aadhaar details of nominees. It also mandates that nomination be validated either online (through digital or e-signatures) or offline (with proper witness requirements for thumb impressions). In cases of joint holdings or multiple nominees, specific procedures for asset transmission are provided, including provisions for incapacitated investors and the transmission of assets to nominees and legal heirs. The circular also includes detailed guidelines for dealing with unclaimed assets, transmission to minor nominees, and the ability for investors to opt-out of nominations with a confirmation process. The new rules will come into effect from March 1, 2025, with regulated entities required to implement the necessary changes and confirm compliance by specified deadlines.

This circular can be accessed [Here](#).

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Notification regarding Draft Rules under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 called Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025 ("Rules"), Notification Dated: 03rd January, 2025.



The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has published draft rules under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 ie., the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules, 2025, for public consultation. Stakeholders and interested parties may submit objections and suggestions on the MyGov platform by 18th February 2025. The Rules delineate comprehensive provisions, including clear notification obligations for Data Fiduciaries, stringent registration and operational requirements for Consent Managers, and precise guidelines for State processing of personal data. Key segments address security safeguards, breach notification protocols, verifiable consent mechanisms for children and persons with disabilities, exemptions for specific processing activities, and additional obligations for Significant Data Fiduciaries. The Rules also establish operational procedures for the Data Protection Board, terms for appointments, appeal mechanisms, and provisions for the Central Government to call for information, ensuring a robust framework for personal data governance.

The Draft Rules can be accessed [Here](#).

Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

IBBI's Circular on Extension of time for filing Forms to monitor liquidation and voluntary liquidation processes under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, and regulations made thereunder, Circular Dated: 09th January, 2025

IBBI, through this circular, has extended the deadline for submitting liquidation and voluntary liquidation forms under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016, to March 31, 2025. This extension follows representations from liquidators and Insolvency Professional Agencies (IPAs) regarding technical difficulties in filing the forms. Previously, the submission deadline was set to 31.12.2024. The IBBI has also emphasized that Insolvency Professionals (IPs) must ensure that the information provided in the forms is accurate, truthful, and consistent with supporting documents. For any clarifications or technical issues, IPs can refer to the FAQs on the IBBI website or contact the provided support email. This decision is issued under section 196 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016.

This circular can be accessed [Here](#).

Start-up

Indian Startups raised USD 33 Million from 30th January to 4th January 2025, Article Dated: 06th January, 2025.

Indian start-ups raised USD 33.43 million, between 30th December to 4th January 2025, across various sectors, including Hospitality, Finance, B2B SaaS, AI, OTT, Robotics, EV, and Wealth Management. Notably, NBFC sector start-ups, such as



Mufin Green Finance raised USD 18 million and Aye Finance raised USD 12.8 million, led the funding rounds. Other notable raises included Wealthy Nivesh raised USD 1 million, CargoFL raised USD 780,000, and Guestara raised USD 500,000. Robotics start-up Flo Mobility and OTT platform Classroom did not disclose their funding amounts. Additionally, Curefoods acquired Krispy Kreme's South and West India operations, marking a significant merger and acquisition during this period.

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