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❖ *Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade*

Review of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy on E-commerce Sector (July 23, 2026)

In order to facilitate greater exports through easier and increased access of global markets by Indian sellers, the extant FDI Policy has been reviewed and it is decided that the restrictions on inventory-based model of e-commerce shall not apply in case of exports of domestically manufactured and/or produced goods/products.

In this context, a new Para under Para 5.2.15.2 is proposed to be inserted under the FDI Policy as under: "PARA 5.2.15.2.5 Inventory-Based Model of E-Commerce Exclusively for Exports: (i) An e-commerce entity is permitted to engage in inventory-based model of e-commerce exclusively for the export of goods/products manufactured and/or produced in India as per the applicable provisions of the Foreign Trade Policy 2023 read with the Handbook of Procedures (HBP) and the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods & Services) Regulations, 2015, as amended from time to time.

For Details: *https://www.dpiit.gov.in/static/uploads/2026/07/ceb0cae74fd4e83094dc6b50c3d53f92.pdf*

❖ *Capital Market and Securities Laws*

- **Ease of Doing Investment and Ease of Doing Business – Simplification and standardisation of the framework for transmission of securities (July 23, 2026)**

As an on-going measure to enhance ease of dealing in securities markets and with a view to make the transmission process more efficient and investor friendly, SEBI has reviewed the process being followed by processing entities (i.e. listed companies/ RTAs / Depositories/ DPs / AMCs) for effecting transmission of securities. Accordingly, in terms of Regulation 40(7) of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended vide Gazette Notification no. SEBI/LADNRO/GN/2026/312 dated July 10th, 2026, SEBI has specified the revised transmission framework for securities as prescribed in Annexure to this Circular. The provisions of this circular and the revised transmission framework specified in Annexure along with model forms provided therein, shall come into force with effect from 30 days from the date of issuance of this circular.

For details: *https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jul-2026/ease-of-doing-investment-and-ease-of-doing-business-simplification-and-standardisation-of-the-framework-for-transmission-of-securities_103030.html*

- **Operationalisation of freezing of holdings of promoter and promoter group including their associates (promoter holdings) at the ISIN level under Regulation 24(i)(ea) of the SEBI (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 (July 21, 2026)**

SEBI, vide notification dated July 01, 2026, has amended the SEBI (Buy-back of Securities) Regulations, 2018 ("Buy-back Regulations"), inter alia, inserting Regulation 24(i)(ea) to Buy-back Regulations, which provides that shares or other specified securities held by promoter and promoter group including their associates shall remain frozen at the ISIN level from the date of passing of the resolution by the board of directors or the special resolution, as the case may be, till the closing of the offer. To operationalise the aforesaid amendment, the Depositories shall put in place an operational framework, including the necessary system enhancements, and issue the necessary operational guidelines/communiqués to facilitate implementation of Regulation 24(i)(ea) of Buy-back Regulations. The Depositories shall ensure that the operational framework and the necessary system enhancements are put in place before August 01, 2026.

For details: *https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/jul-2026/operationalisation-of-freezing-of-holdings-of-promoter-and-promoter-group-including-their-associates-promoter-holdings-at-the-isin-level-under-regulation-24-i-ea-of-the-sebi-buy-back-of-securitie-_102978.html*

❖ *International Financial Services Centres Authority*

Framework on capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions (July 21, 2026)

The IFSCA vide this circular outlined the framework for capital relief and prudential requirements for factoring transactions. The circular enables Finance Companies obtaining credit protection in the form of credit insurance or guarantee for factoring transactions from eligible institutions in IFSC to obtain the benefit of capital relief subject to the conditions mentioned in the circular in alignment with the Basel III framework. Further, it also permits capital relief for factoring transactions undertaken under the two factor model through arrangements such as those facilitated by the FCI network. Additionally, the circular incorporates prudential requirements for Finance Companies engaged in factoring transactions, such as exposure norms and NPA recognition and relaxed asset classification norms for finance companies with a total asset base of less than USD 150 million.

For details:
https://ifsca.gov.in/CommonDirect/GetFileView?id=29709e474fe6b066fc0cb19f7d790767&fileName=Circular_on_capital_relief_and_prudential_norms_for_factoring_20260721_0114.pdf

❖ *Views/ Comments sought by Regulators*

- **Consultation Paper on Streamlining the Online Dispute Resolution Framework in Indian Securities Market (July 23, 2026)**

SEBI had issued Circular on 'Online Resolution of Disputes in the Indian Securities Market' on July 31, 2023 and subsequently, it was amended on few occasions and these amendments are consolidated in the Master Circular updated on December 28, 2023. Subsequently, SEBI has received inputs / representations / feedbacks from MIIs, investors and stakeholders on various issues associated with existing ODR Mechanism. The issues raised includes the process of appointment of arbitrators, delay in receipt of payment from market intermediaries and listed entities to ODR institutions and from ODR institutions to Arbitrators, enforcement of the arbitration awards as intermediaries are not under the regulatory purview of ODR institutions, delay in proceedings, etc. Considering these inputs, it is proposed to change some of the processes which may result in reduction in the time lines and enhance enforceability and ease of doing investing in securities market. This consultation paper seeks comments or suggestions from public / stakeholders on proposed draft Circular on Streamlining the Online Dispute Resolution Framework in Indian Securities Market placed at Annexure-I to this Consultation Paper, inter alia, comprising of major issues.

For details: *https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/jul-2026/consultation-paper-on-streamlining-the-online-dispute-resolution-framework-in-indian-securities-market_103033.html*

- **Consultation Paper on Comprehensive Review of SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 (July 23, 2026)**

SEBI has placed this consultation paper with the objective to seek comments and views from the public on the proposed amendments to the SEBI (Portfolio Managers) Regulations, 2020 ("PM Regulations") and circulars issued thereunder, carried out pursuant to a comprehensive review. SEBI has continued to proactively undertake numerous initiatives which are helping in growth of the industry and building investor confidence. PMS has witnessed significant growth in all aspects. The industry has also actively adopted technology for better investment management. The impressive growth of AUM of more than two times from the year 2019 is a testament to the growing interest of investors in professional investment management landscape and a proof of confidence and comfort displayed by investors in the PMS industry. Considering the increasing sophistication of investors, growing demand for more personalised solutions and diverse investment portfolio, a need was felt to review the PM Regulations. Hence, SEBI undertook the exercise of comprehensive review to ensure that Regulations remain aligned with changing industry dynamics. Considering the implications of the aforementioned matter on the market participants, public comments are invited on the detailed proposals. The comments or suggestions should be submitted latest by August 13, 2026.

For details: *https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/jul-2026/consultation-paper-on-comprehensive-review-of-sebi-portfolio-managers-regulations-2020_103029.html*

- **Consultation Paper on the Draft 'IFSC Depositor Education and Awareness Fund (IDEA Fund) Scheme, 2026 (July 23, 2026)**

The IFSCA proposed to notify the IFSC Depositor Education and Awareness Fund Scheme, 2026 ('Scheme'), in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 12 and sub-section (1) of section 13 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019, read with sub-sections (1) and (5) of section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The draft Scheme, inter alia, provides for Establishment and administration of the 'IFSC Depositor Education and Awareness Fund'; Transfer of unclaimed deposits and other eligible amounts remaining unclaimed for ten years or more to the Fund; Mechanism for settlement of depositor claims and reimbursement to Banking Units; Constitution of a Committee for administration and management of the Fund; Maintenance, audit and investment of the Fund; Utilisation of the Fund for depositor education, awareness and promotion of depositor interests. Comments and suggestions may be submitted to IFSCA in prescribed format on or before August 12, 2026.

For details:
https://ifsca.gov.in/CommonDirect/GetFileView?id=29709e474fe6b066fc0cb19f7d84ce5e&fileName=Draft_IDEA_Fund_Scheme_20260723_0250.pdf

- **Rationalisation of Foreign Exchange Management (Non-Debt Instruments) Rules, 2019 – Draft Rules for Comments (July 21, 2026)**

The salient features of the proposed draft Rules, inter alia, are as under:

a) Simplified and principle-based framework: Rationalization of provisions, harmonization of definitions and a simplified regulatory architecture to enhance clarity and reduce regulatory complexity.
b) Alignment with the FDI Policy: Clear demarcation of procedural FEMA provisions from policy and sector-specific requirements, improving regulatory coherence and facilitating timely policy changes.
c) Enhanced ease of doing business: Streamlined procedures, reduced compliance burden and greater operational flexibility through a transparent and investor-friendly regulatory framework.
d) Future-ready regulatory framework: Adoption of principle-based, investee-neutral and investor-neutral provisions aligned with evolving business practices, while preserving necessary regulatory safeguards.

The Rules will be finalized after wider public consultations. Accordingly, the Reserve Bank of India has placed on its website draft Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Investment) Rules, 2026 for comments / feedback from all stakeholders. Comments/feedback on the draft Rules may be submitted through the respective link under the 'Connect 2 Regulate' section available on the RBI's website or may be forwarded via email by August 31, 2026, with the subject line "Feedback on Draft Foreign Investment Rules".

For Details: *https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=63204*

❖ *Ministry of Information & Broadcasting*

Government Reiterates Legal Obligations of OTT Platforms and Social Media Under IT Rules, 2021 (July 24, 2026)

The Government has notified the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 under the Information Technology Act, 2000. Part III of these Rules provide for publishers of online curated content (OTT platforms) which, inter alia, require the publishers not to transmit any content which is prohibited by law for the time being in force. For the user generated content on intermediary platforms, Part-II of IT Rules, 2021, casts specific due diligence obligations on intermediaries, including social media intermediaries. They should make reasonable efforts by themselves and to cause the users of their computer resource to not display, upload, host, store, transmit, display or publish any such information that is unlawful.

For Details: *https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2288881&reg=48&lang=1*

❖ *Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises*

- **Empowering MSME Ecosystem: Advancing Commercial Dispute Resolution through a National ODR Framework (July 24, 2026)**

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) are the backbone of India's economy, driving entrepreneurship, creating jobs and contributing to inclusive growth. Recognising the need for a faster and more efficient way to resolve commercial disputes, the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has launched the MSME Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) Portal. The Portal provides a simple, transparent and cost-effective digital platform for resolving commercial disputes, particularly delayed payment issues. By reducing dependence on lengthy litigation, it enables quicker settlements, helps businesses maintain healthy cash flows and strengthens trust between buyers and suppliers. In addition to serving as a dispute resolution platform, the MSME ODR Portal encourages dialogue and collaboration. It helps businesses settle disputes amicably through negotiation, mediation and mutual agreement, preserving long-term commercial relationships and allowing entrepreneurs to focus on growing their businesses instead of pursuing prolonged legal proceedings.

For details: *https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2288889&reg=48&lang=1*

- **Ministry of MSME implements the Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) to provide credit guarantees for the credit facilities extended to MSEs (July 23, 2026)**

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) implemented Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS) for Micro Small Enterprises (MSEs) through Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) to provide credit guarantees for the credit facilities extended to MSEs, including first-generation entrepreneurs, women-led enterprises, and units located in backward districts, without collateral security or third-party guarantees, across the Country.
Measures taken by the Government to improve credit flow and enhance awareness of the CGTMSE scheme among MSEs include:

- ❖ The guarantee ceiling for the loan extended under CGS was enhanced from Rs. 5 crores to Rs. 10 crore w.e.f 01.04.2025.
- ❖ Enhanced extent of guarantee for MSEs led by special category including women led MSEs.
- ❖ As per Reserve Bank of India's Master Direction - Lending to Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) Sector dated 09.02.2026, all Scheduled Commercial Banks are mandated not to accept collateral security in the case of loans up to Rs.20 lakh extended to units in the MSE sector.

For details: *https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2288366&reg=48&lang=1*

❖ *Competition Commission of India*

Competition Commission of India approved acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of NCR Atleos Corporation (Target) by The Brink's Company (Acquirer) (July 22, 2026)

The Proposed Combination entails the acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of the Target by the Acquirer. Post completion, the Target shall be wholly owned and controlled by the Acquirer. The Acquirer is a global provider of cash and valuables management, digital retail solutions and ATM managed services, operating in over 100 countries. In India, the Acquirer principally provides cash replenishment services and ancillary first-line maintenance service through its subsidiary Brink's India Private Limited. The Target is a financial technology company providing self-directed banking solutions globally. In India, the Target's activities principally comprise: (i) manufacture and supply of ATM hardware, including through its Chennai manufacturing facility; (ii) development and licensing of ATM software; (iii) ATM managed services, including monitoring, help-desk and transaction processing; and (iv) ATM maintenance services, i.e., first-line maintenance and second line maintenance.

For details: *https://www.cci.gov.in/media-gallery/press-release/details/677/0*

❖ *Ministry of Law and Justice*

Centre Launched DISHA 2.0 with ₹255 Crore Outlay to Expand Technology-Driven Access to Justice Across India (July 25, 2026)

Designing Innovative Solutions for Holistic Access to Justice (DISHA) 2.0, Scheme is a Central Sector Scheme with an approved financial outlay of Rs. 255 crore which aims at leveraging technology to develop and enhance the outreach of citizen friendly solution platforms for legal services. It includes following four components:

i. **Tele-Law:** Reaching the Unreached (free pre litigation advice to all): The Tele-Law connects people with panel lawyers through mobile-app and Toll-Free No. 14454 for rendering pre-litigation legal advice and through use of video/tele conferencing facilities.
ii. **Nyaya Bandhu (Pro Bono legal Services) Programme:** Under Nyaya Bandhu (Pro-Bono Legal Services) Programme, advocates voluntarily provide legal assistance to marginalized and disadvantaged sections of society covered under Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.
iii. **Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme:** The Legal Literacy and Legal Awareness Programme (LLLAP) envisages engaging with institutions and building partnerships across stakeholder Ministries/Departments, to build capacity of the grassroot workers, legally empower them and spread legal awareness through workshops, webinars, IEC materials, collaboration with Prasar Bharati and others.
iv. **VIDHI (Vision for Integrated Delivery of Harmonized Legal Initiatives)-Sanjeevani:** VIDHI (Vision for Integrated Delivery of Harmonized Legal Initiatives) - Sanjeevani dashboard aims to provide a unified interface integrating real-time data streams from multiple sources to facilitate monitoring of the programme performance, service delivery and implementation progress.

For details: *https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2289459&reg=48&lang=1*

❖ *Ministry of Labour and Employment*

Social Security for Unorganised Workers through E-Shram Portal (July 20, 2026)

The Ministry of Labour and Employment launched e-Shram portal (eshram.gov.in) on 26th August, 2021 for creation of a comprehensive National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW) including platform workers, migrant workers etc. The e-Shram portal registers the unorganised workers including gig and platform workers and provides them a Universal Account Number (UAN) on a self-declaration basis. As on 14th July 2026, over 31.78 crore unorganised workers have already been registered on e-Shram portal.

Apart from the above, eShram has linkages with National Career Service (NCS) for Job Opportunities, Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) for Skill Development, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) for Pension and convergence portal of MoHUA.

For details: *https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2286757&reg=48&lang=1*

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