

Info Capsule

Tuesday
May 18, 2021

President : CS Nagendra D. Rao

Vice President : CS Devendra V. Deshpande

❖ Latest @ ICSI

- **Request to SEBI to relax the time gap between two board / Audit Committee meetings of listed entities owing to the Second Wave of COVID-19 pandemic (May 17, 2021)**

Considering the severity of the current crisis due to second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ICSI has requested the SEBI to extend the requirement of the maximum stipulated time gap of 120 days between two meetings of the board and Audit Committees of listed entities, as is required under Regulation 17(2) and 18(2)(a) of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015.

For details:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ICSI_Request_for_extension_Board%20Meeting_Audit_Meeting_17052021.pdf



**THE INSTITUTE OF
Company Secretaries of India**
भारतीय कम्पनी सचिव संस्थान
IN PURSUIT OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE
Statutory body under an Act of Parliament
(Under the jurisdiction of Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

- **ICSI Special Covid-19 Assistance Corpus for non-CSBF members & CSBF members of age 60 years and above (May 17, 2021)**

The ICSI has created a dedicated Corpus Fund of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crore only) for benevolence by providing financial assistance to the declared dependent (s) / legal heir(s) of deceased members of ICSI in case of Covid-19 related unfortunate demises, who were not members of CSBF or were CSBF members of age 60 years and above.

Under the said Special Covid - 19 Assistance, the dependent(s) (if declared under CSBF) / legal heir(s), as applicable, of a member of ICSI, who have lost their life due to Covid-19, can claim a one-time financial assistance of maximum Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh only) subject to fulfilment of certain specified criteria.

For details:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/ICSI_Special_Covid_19_Assistance_Corpus.pdf

- **Crash Course on Related Party Transactions-Compliances & Taxation: Registration Open (May 17, 2021)**

The ICSI has launched a Crash Course on Related Party Transactions - Compliances & Taxation for ICSI Members, which will be conducted through web based interactive sessions. The Course will be imparted in total 5 sessions to be conducted on weekdays from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Certificate of completion will be awarded to all the candidates, upon successfully completion of the course and MCQ based assessment.

For details:

https://www.icsi.edu/media/webmodules/Registration_Open_Crash_Course_on_Related_Party_Transactions.jpg

❖ ***Securities Laws and Capital Market***

Consultation Paper

- **SEBI seeks public comments on the Consultation Paper on the proposed framework for Gold Exchange in India and draft SEBI (Vault Managers) Regulations, 2021 (May 17, 2021)**

To implement the announcement related to Gold Exchange in budget speech 2021-22, SEBI constituted two working groups involving the stakeholders in the proposed gold exchange framework. Taking into consideration the recommendations of the two working groups, the SEBI has placed a consultation paper to solicit comments / views from the stakeholders on the following:

1. “proposed framework for operationalizing the regulated Gold Exchange in India”;
2. registering the Vault Managers as a SEBI intermediary by way of issuance of “Regulations for the Vault Managers”.

Comments are invited on the proposed framework in the prescribed format and may be sent by email to goldex@sebi.gov.in on or before June 18, 2021.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/reports-and-statistics/reports/may-2021/consultation-paper-on-proposed-framework-for-gold-exchange-in-india-and-draft-sebi-vault-managers-regulations-2021_50154.html

SEBI News

- **Several companies rush to file draft red herring prospectus with SEBI (May 18, 2021)**

Several companies have rushed to file their draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) with market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) this month to ensure they meet a key deadline pertaining to financial disclosures. The rush is also the result of supportive sentiment towards the initial public offerings (IPOs), following a year of blockbuster listing gains. According to data compiled by Prime Database, a firm tracking IPOs, 12 companies looking to raise a cumulative Rs 22,230 crore (\$3 billion) have filed their offer documents so far this month.

For details:

https://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/several-companies-rush-to-file-draft-red-herring-prospectus-with-sebi-121051800037_1.html

❖ *Indirect Taxes*

Goods and Services Tax

- **CBIC starts special drive to clear pending GST refund claims by month-end (May 16, 2021)**

CBIC has launched a special drive to clear all pending GST refunds by month-end. The 15-day GST refund drive is on the lines of an ongoing similar drive organised by the CBIC for refund of customs and duty drawback claims. In an instruction to all Principal Commissioners of Central Tax formations, the CBIC said there is a need to focus on timely disposal of all pending GST refund claims in order to provide immediate relief to business entities, especially MSMEs, in the difficult times of second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

For details:

<https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/cbic-starts-special-drive-to-clear-pending-gst-refund-claims-by-month-end/articleshow/82675495.cms>

Customs

- **Changes introduced through the Customs (Import of Goods at Concessional Rate of Duty) Amendment Rules, 2021 - Circular No. 10/2021 - Customs (May 17, 2021)**

The scope of the job work facility has been extended to an importer who is a manufacturer but without complete manufacturing facility. Also, 100% outsourcing for manufacture of goods on job-work basis has been permitted for importers who do not have any manufacturing facility at all. However, sensitive sectors such as gold, articles of jewellery and other precious metals or stones have been excluded from the facility of job work.

An option has been given to the importers to import capital goods for a specified purpose at a concessional rate of duty and after having put such capital goods to use for the said purpose, clear the same after payment of the differential duty and interest, at a depreciated value, with permission from the jurisdictional Customs Officer.

For details:

<https://www.cbic.gov.in/resources//htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-circulars/cs-circulars-2021/Circular-No-10-2021.pdf>

❖ International Business and Economic News

KFC, Pizza Hut Franchisee Seeks SEBI's Nod for IPO (May 16, 2021)

The operator of Pizza Hut and KFC in India has sought the market regulator's approval to go public. Devyani International Ltd. will offer fresh equity shares worth up to Rs 400 crore and an offer-for-sale of 12.5 crore equity shares by Dunearn Investments (Mauritius) Pte. Ltd.—an arm of private equity firm Temasek and its promoter RJ Corp Ltd. in its initial public offering, according to a draft red herring prospectus.

For details:

<https://www.bloomberquint.com/ipos/kfc-pizza-hut-franchisee-seeks-sebis-nod-for-ipo>

❖ Terminology for today

Lagging Indicator

Backward-looking performance indicators that represent the results of previous actions. Characterizing historical performance, lagging indicators frequently focus on results at the end of a time period; e.g., third-quarter sales. A balanced scorecard should contain a mix of lagging and leading indicators.

❖ Market Watch

Stock Market Indices as on 18.05.2021

S & P BSE Sensex	50193.33 (+612.60)
Nifty 50	15108.10 (+184.95)

Foreign Exchange Rates as on 17.05.2021

(<https://www.geojit.com/currency-futures/rbi-reference-rate>)

INR / 1 USD	INR / 1 GBP	INR / 1 EUR	INR / 1 JPY
73.18	103.11	88.87	0.67

Prepared by Directorate of Academics

For any suggestions, please write to academics@icsi.edu, or call at 01204082116

Disclaimer : Although due care and diligence have been taken in preparation and uploading this info capsule, the Institute shall not be responsible for any loss or damage, resulting from any action taken on the basis of the contents of this info capsule. Anyone wishing to act on the basis of the material contained herein should do so after cross checking with the original source.

VISION
"To be a global leader in promoting
good corporate governance"

ICSI Motto
सत्यं वद। धर्मं चर।
इच्छते the truth. abide by the law.

MISSION
"To develop high calibre professionals
facilitating good corporate governance"

Connect with ICSI

www.icsi.edu | [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [v](#) [@](#) | Online Helpdesk : <http://support.icsi.edu>