

Indian Legal Updates

The purpose of this document is to highlight the key changes introduced Indian legal era by way of Notifications and Circular in various tax and regulatory laws.

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Direct Tax Updates

[Return of Net Wealth to be filed in Form BB instead of Form BA](#)

The Central Board of Direct Taxes amends rule 3 of Wealth-tax Rules, 1957. Starting from assessment year 2014-15, the return of net wealth to be filed in Form BB in case of individuals, hindu undivided families and companies

[Cost Inflation Index for financial year 2014-15 is 1024](#)

The Central Government specifies Cost Inflation Index for Financial Year 2014-15 as 1024.

[Sivasuriyaperuman Temple of Tamil Nadu notified for purpose of Section 80G](#)

The Central Government notifies "Sivasuriyaperuman Temple, Suriyanarkoil, Thriuvaidaimarudur Taluk, Thanjavur District, and Tamil Nadu", to be a place of public worship of renown throughout the State of Tamil Nadu, for the purposes of claiming deduction under section 80G, for any donation made to the temple by the assessee.

Indirect Tax Updates: Custom

[Security amount increased from Rs 75,000 to Rs 5,00,000 for getting the license of Customs Broker](#)

The Commissioner of Customs shall now require, the applicant to furnish a security of Rs. 5 lakhs for carrying out the business as Customs Broker. The amount of security has been enhanced from Rs. 75,000 to Rs. 5,00,000. The enhanced security amount would not apply to holders of valid licenses who seek a renewal of licenses of

Customs Brokers and the same shall apply to fresh licenses only.

Foreign Exchange Regulation Updates

[ECR limit reduced to 32%](#)

It has been decided to reduce the eligible limit of export credit refinance (ECR) facility for schedule banks (excluding RRBs) from the level of 50 per cent of the outstanding rupee export credit to 32 per cent with immediate effect.

[Export and Import of Indian currency and currency notes](#)

Any person, not being a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh - may take outside India (other than to Nepal and Bhutan) Indian Currency Notes upto Rs.25,000/- per person

Also, any person resident in India who had gone out of India on a temporary visit, at the time of his return may bring in India (other than from Nepal and Bhutan) Indian currency notes up to Rs. 25,000 per person.

Moreover, any person resident outside India, not being a citizen of Pakistan or Bangladesh, and visiting India may bring Indian currency notes up to Rs. 25000 per person.

[Online Trading Facility to Demat Account Holders – UCBs](#)

With prior approval of the RBI and fulfillment of prescribed criteria, Scheduled Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks are allowed to provide online trading facility to their demat account holders by entering into a tie-up with a broking entity.

[Inter-Governmental Agreement with United States of America under Foreign Accounts Tax Compliance Act \(FATCA\)](#)

India and US have reached an agreement on the terms of an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) to implement and India is now treated as having an IGA in effect from 11th April, 2014. However, IGA would be signed only after the approval of Cabinet.

Indian Financial Institutions would have time upto 31st December 2014 to register with US authorities and obtain a Global Intermediary Identification Number (GIIN). Financial institutions

having overseas branches in Model 1 jurisdictions should register only after the formal IGA is signed.

[Unique Customer Identification Code \(UCIC\) for banks customers in India](#)

Banks are advised to expedite the procedure and complete the work of allotting UCIC to all the existing individual customers, within the stipulated timeframe upto 31st December, 2014.

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