



COVID – 19: DAILY UPDATE

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EXTENSION OF DATE FOR PREMIUM PAYMENTS OF THIRD-PARTY INSURANCE TILL 15.05.2020 WHICH ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL DURING LOCKDOWN PERIOD

The Ministry of Finance via Press Release ID: 1614916, dated 16.04.2020 has allowed third-party insurance policyholders whose policies are due for renewal to make premium payments till 15.05.2020.

The said extension will ensure a continued cover and hassle-free claims payment during the grace period.

“With a view to mitigate hardship to the policyholders whose Health and Motor (Third Party) insurance policies are due for renewal during COVID-19 lockdown, the Central Government issued Notifications allowing such policyholders to make premium payments till May 15th.”

The aforesaid Press Release of Ministry of Finance has provided a relief to the policyholders who were facing difficulty and genuine hardship owing to unprecedented situation being caused by Pandemic COVID-19 in the Country.

RELAXATION IN TIME PERIOD FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AS CARRIED OUT BY DEPOSITORY PARTICIPANS, RTAS/ISSUERS, KRAS, STOCK BROKERS

The Securities and Exchange Board of India via Circular No SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/62, dated 16.04.2020 pursuant the lockdown in the Country till 03.05.2020 has granted relaxation in compliance with time period by excluding time period i.e. from 23.03.2020 till 17.05.2020 from the existing timeline.

The activities for which said relaxation has been granted are as follows:

- I. Processing of the demat request form by issuer/RTA (existing timeline- 15days) under Regulation 74 (5) of SEBI (Depositories & Participants) Regulations, 2018.



- II. Processing of the demat request form by the Participants (existing timeline- 7days) under Regulation 74 (5) of SEBI (Depositories & Participants) Regulations, 2018.
- III. KYC application form and supporting documents of the clients to be uploaded on system of KRA (existing timeline- 10days) as per SEBI circular no. MIRSD/Cir-26/2011 dated December 23, 2011.

“..the period beginning from March 23, 2020 till May 17, 2020 shall be excluded for computing the existing timelines specified in Regulation 74 (4) and 74 (5) of SEBI (Depositories & Participants) Regulations, 1996 and the aforementioned circular dated December 23, 2011. Further, a 15-day time period after May 17, 2020 is allowed to the SEBI registered intermediary, to clear the back log.”

RELAXATION IN TIME PERIOD FOR COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS BY TRADING MEMBERS AND CLEARING MEMBERS

The Securities and Exchange Board of India via Circular No SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/61, dated 16.04.2020 pursuant the lockdown in the Country till 03.05.2020 has granted relaxation by extending the required due dates for the following regulatory filings and compliances as required by the Trading and Clearing Members.

S. No.	Compliance	Due Date	Extended Date
1	Client Funding Reporting.	08.04.2020	31.05.2020
2	Reporting for Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) applications.	15.04.2020	31.05.2020
3	Compliance certificate for	20.04.2020	30.06.2020



	Margin Trading for CM Segment.		
4	Risk based supervision.	31.05.2020	30.06.2020
5	Internal Audit Report for half year ending (HYE) March 31, 2020.	31.05.2020	30.06.2020
6	System Audit Report (Algo).	30.06.2020	31.07.2020
7	System Audit Report.	30.06.2020	31.07.2020
8	Net worth certificate in Margin Trading for CM Segment for HYE March 31, 2020.	30.04.2020	30.06.2020
9	Net worth certificate for all members for HYE March 2020.	31.05.2020	30.06.2020
10	Penalty for non-collection / short collection of upfront margins in cash segment.	-	17.05.2020
11	Maintaining call recordings of orders/instructions received from clients.	-	17.05.2020

“The relaxation in compliance requirements at S. Nos. I - IX will be effective from their due date till the extended date as mentioned in the above table. Provision regarding imposition of penalty at S. No. X above was effective from April 01, 2020. The



relaxation in this regard shall be till May 17, 2020. However, in terms of the said circular reporting of non-collection/short collection of margins in the cash segment shall continue. The relaxation in compliance requirement at S. No. XI will be effective from March 23, 2020 till May 17, 2020 with respect to trading members working from designated alternate locations. However, the trading member and the Stock Exchange shall send a confirmation on the registered mobile number of the client immediately after execution of the order.”

These Circulars of SEBI have come into force to provide such relaxation in timelines taking into consideration the hardship being caused due to complete lockdown owing to COVID-19 in the Country.

**WAIVER OF RENTAL FOR FOUR MONTHS TO IT COMPANIES OPERATING IN
SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY PARKS OF INDIA**

The Ministry of Electronics & IT via Press Release ID: 1615052 dated 16.04.2020 has provided relief from payment of rental to small IT units as operating in Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) from 01.03.2020 – 30.06.2020 i.e. four months for the time being,

“The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has decided to provide rental waiver to these units housed in STPI premises in the country from 01.03.2020 till 30.06.2020 i.e. for 4 months period as of now.”

The aforesaid Press Release has come up with a relief to units in STPI. Most of the units in STPI are either Tech MSMEs or start-ups and the said Press Release will help such units in the economic crisis situation as created by the complete lockdown owing to COVID-19 in the Country.



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