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**Investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in Debt - Relaxations**

RBI/2022-23/87  
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.07

July 07, 2022

To  
All Authorised Persons

Madam/Sir,

**Investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) in Debt - Relaxations**

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Category-I) banks is invited to the paragraph 3 of the [press release on “Liberalisation of Forex Flows” dated July 06, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53979) regarding relaxations in the regulatory regime under the Medium-Term Framework. A reference is also invited to:

1. the Foreign Exchange Management (Debt Instruments) Regulations, 2019 notified vide [Notification No. FEMA. 396/2019-RB dated October 17, 2019](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12099&Mode=0), as amended from time to time, and the relevant directions issued thereunder; and
2. the [A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 31 dated June 15, 2018](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11303&Mode=0) (hereinafter, Directions), as amended from time to time.

2. In terms of paragraphs 4(b)(i) and 4(b)(ii) of the Directions, short-term investments by an FPI in government securities (Central Government securities, including Treasury Bills and State Development Loans) and corporate bonds shall not exceed 30% of the total investment of that FPI in any category. It has been decided that investments by FPIs in government securities and corporate bonds made between July 08, 2022 and October 31, 2022 (both dates included) shall be exempted from the limit on short-term investments till maturity or sale of such investments.

3. In terms of paragraph 4(b)(ii) of the Directions, FPI investments in corporate bonds were subject to a minimum residual maturity requirement of one year. It has been decided to allow FPIs to invest in commercial papers and non-convertible debentures with an original maturity of up to one year, during the period between July 08, 2022 and October 31, 2022 (both dates included). These investments shall be exempted from the limit on short-term investments till maturity or sale of such investments.

4. AD Category – I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

5. The Directions contained in this circular have been issued under sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/approval, if any, required under any other law.

6. These Directions shall be applicable with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)

Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link <https://rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12355&fn=6&Mode=0>

**Overseas foreign currency borrowings of Authorised Dealer Category-I banks**

RBI/2022-23/88  
A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 08

July 07, 2022

All Authorised Dealer Category-I Banks

Madam/Sir,

**Overseas foreign currency borrowings of Authorised Dealer Category-I banks**

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Cat-I) banks is invited to the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018 [[Notification no. FEMA 3(R)/2018-RB dated December 17, 2018](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11441&Mode=0)] and [Master Direction - Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 05, 2016](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=10485), as amended from time to time.

2. As announced in paragraph 4 of the [press release on “Liberalisation of Forex Flows” dated July 06, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53979), AD Cat-I banks can utilise the funds raised from overseas foreign currency borrowings between July 08, 2022 and October 31, 2022 (both dates included) in terms of paragraph Part-C(5)(a) of the [Master Direction - Risk Management and Inter-Bank Dealings dated July 05, 2016](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=10485), as amended from time to time, for lending in foreign currency to constituents in India. Such lending shall be subject to the end-use prescriptions as applicable to External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) in terms of paragraph 2.1(viii) of the [Master Direction - External Commercial Borrowings, Trade Credits and Structured Obligations dated March 26, 2019](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=11510), as amended from time to time. This facility will be available till the maturity / repayment of the overseas foreign currency borrowings.

3. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions / approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12356&Mode=0>

**International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)**

RBI/2022-2023/90  
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.10

July 11, 2022

To

All Category-I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam/Sir

**International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)**

In order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in INR, it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports / imports in INR. Before putting in place this mechanism, AD banks shall require prior approval from the Foreign Exchange Department of Reserve Bank of India, Central Office at Mumbai.

2. The broad framework for cross border trade transactions in INR under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA) is as delineated below:

1. Invoicing
2. Exchange Rate
3. Settlement

3. In terms of Regulation 7(1) of Foreign Exchange Management (Deposit) Regulations, 2016, AD banks in India have been permitted to open Rupee Vostro Accounts. Accordingly, for settlement of trade transactions with any country, AD bank in India may open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts of correspondent bank/s of the partner trading country. In order to allow settlement of international trade transactions through this arrangement, it has been decided that:

1. Indian importers undertaking imports through this mechanism shall make payment in INR which shall be credited into the Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country, against the invoices for the supply of goods or services from the overseas seller /supplier.
2. Indian exporters, undertaking exports of goods and services through this mechanism, shall be paid the export proceeds in INR from the balances in the designated Special Vostro account of the correspondent bank of the partner country.

4. Documentation

5. Advance against exports

6. Setting-off of export receivables

7. Bank Guarantee

8. Use of Surplus Balance

9. Reporting Requirements

10. Approval Process

Yours faithfully,

(Vivek Srivastava)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12358&Mode=0>

**Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

Reserve Bank of India

Foreign Exchange Department

Central Office

Mumbai

Notification No. FEMA.3(R)(3)/2022-RB

July 28, 2022

**Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 6 and Section 47 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the Reserve Bank of India hereby makes the following amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) Regulations, 2018 (Notification No. FEMA.3(R)/2018-RB dated December 17, 2018) (hereinafter referred to as 'the Principal Regulations'), namely:

1. Short Title & Commencement:

(i) These Regulations may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2022.

(ii) They shall come into force from the date of notification in the official gazette.

2. Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Schedule 1:

After Paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Principal Regulations, the following shall be added;

“8A: The limit of USD 750 million or equivalent per financial year is temporarily increased to USD 1500 million or equivalent. This dispensation will be available for ECBs raised till December 31, 2022.”

(Ajay Kumar Misra)

Chief General Manager-in-charge

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12377&fn=5&Mode=0#:~:text=%E2%80%9C8A%3A%20The%20limit%20of%20USD,till%20December%2031%2C%202022.%E2%80%9D&text=Foot%20Note%3A%20%2D%20The%20Principal%20Regulations,No>.

**External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) Policy – Liberalisation Measures**

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| RBI/2022-23/98 A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 11  August 1, 2022  To  All Category-I Authorised Dealer Banks  Madam / Sir,  **External Commercial Borrowings (ECB) Policy – Liberalisation Measures**  Attention is invited to paragraph 2.2 of [FED Master Direction No.5 on External Commercial Borrowings, Trade Credits and Structured Obligations, dated March 26, 2019](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=11510) (as amended from time to time), in terms of which eligible ECB borrowers are allowed to raise ECB up to USD 750 million or equivalent per financial year under the automatic route, and paragraph 2.1.vi. ibid, wherein the all-in-cost ceiling for ECBs has been specified.  2. As announced in paragraph five of the [press release on “Liberalisation of Forex Flows” dated July 06, 2022](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=53979), it has been decided, in consultation with the Central Government, to:  i) increase the automatic route limit from USD 750 million or equivalent to USD 1.5 billion or equivalent.  ii) increase the all-in-cost ceiling for ECBs, by 100 bps. The enhanced all-in-cost ceiling shall be available only to eligible borrowers of investment grade rating from Indian Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs). Other eligible borrowers may raise ECB within the existing all-in-cost ceiling, as hitherto.  The above relaxations would be available for ECBs to be raised till December 31, 2022.  3. AD Category-I banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers.  4. The aforesaid Master Direction No. 5, is being updated to reflect these changes.  5. Necessary amendments to the relevant regulations have been made through the Foreign Exchange Management (Borrowing and Lending) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022, notified vide [notification No. FEMA.3(R)(3)/2022-RB dated July 29, 2022](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GN3RFEMA01082022.pdf).  6. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under section 10(4) and 11(2) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/ approvals, if any, required under any other law.  Yours faithfully,  (Ajay Kumar Misra) Chief General Manager-in-Charge |

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12366&Mode=0>

**Authorised Dealer Category-I License eligibility for Small Finance Banks**

RBI/2022-23/104  
DOR.LIC.REC.60/16.13.218/2022-23

August 8, 2022

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officers of Small Finance Banks

Madam/ Dear Sir,

**Authorised Dealer Category-I License eligibility for Small Finance Banks**

Please refer to the [‘Guidelines for Licensing of Small Finance Banks in Private Sector’ dated November 27, 2014](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=32614) and the [‘Guidelines for ‘on-tap’ Licensing of Small Finance Banks in Private Sector’ released by Reserve Bank on December 5, 2019](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=48807).

2. In terms of paragraph 4 of the aforesaid Licensing Guidelines, a small finance bank (SFB) can also become Authorised Dealer Category-II in foreign exchange business for its clients’ requirements.

3. With the objective of giving more flexibility to SFBs to meet their customers’ foreign exchange business requirement, it has been decided that all the scheduled SFBs, after completion of at least two years of operations as Authorised Dealer Category-II, will be eligible for Authorised Dealer Category-I license, subject to compliance with the eligibility norms given in the [Annex-I](https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12373&Mode=0#AN1). The eligible SFBs may approach Foreign Exchange Department, Central Office, Reserve Bank of India with their applications along with the supporting documents with regard to their eligibility and requisite documents as specified in [Annex-II](https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12373&Mode=0#AN2) for grant of Authorised Dealer Category-I license.

4. The other terms and conditions of the Licensing Guidelines remain unchanged.

Yours faithfully,

(Prakash Baliarsingh)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12373&Mode=0#:~:text=It%20should%20have%20a%20minimum,in%20the%20preceding%20two%20years>.

**Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions – Review**

RBI/2022-23/105  
FMRD.DIRD.05/14.03.046/2022-23

August 08, 2022

To,

All Eligible Market Participants

Madam / Sir,

**Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions - Review**

Please refer to Paragraph 4 of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54149), issued as a part of the [Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2022-23 dated August 05, 2022](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54148) regarding permitting stand-alone primary dealers (SPDs) in India to deal in Foreign Currency Settled Overnight Indexed Swaps (FCS-OIS). Attention is also invited to the [Rupee Interest Rate Derivatives (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019 dated June 26, 2019](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11602&Mode=0), as amended from time to time (hereinafter, Directions).

2. Banks in India having Authorised Dealer Category-I (AD Cat-I) license under FEMA, 1999 have been permitted under the above Directions to offer FCS-OIS to persons not resident in India as well as to other AD Cat-I banks vide [circular FMRD.DIRD.12/14.03.046/2021-22 dated February 10, 2022](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12229&Mode=0). On a review, it has been decided that SPDs, authorized under section 10(1) of FEMA, 1999 shall also be eligible to offer FCS-OIS to persons not resident in India as well as to other AD Cat-I banks and eligible SPDs.

3. The instructions shall be applicable with immediate effect. The [updated Directions](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11602&Mode=0) are attached.

4. The instructions contained in this circular have been issued in exercise of the powers conferred under section 45W of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 read with section 45U of the Act and of all the powers enabling it in this behalf.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://m.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12374&fn=6&Mode=0>

**Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Regulations, 2022**

**No. FEMA 400/2022-RB**

**August 22, 2022**

**Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Regulations, 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 47 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999), the Reserve Bank hereby makes the following regulations, namely:–

**1. Short title and commencement.–** (1) These regulations may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Regulations, 2022.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the [Official Gazette](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GazetteRegulations230822.pdf).

**2. Definitions.–** (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,–

(a) “Act” means the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999);

(b) “debt instruments” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the [Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GazetteRules23082022.pdf);

(2) The words and expressions used but not defined in these regulations shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act or the [Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GazetteRules23082022.pdf).

3. Financial commitment by Indian entity by modes other than equity capital

4. Financial commitment by Indian entity by way of debt

5. Financial commitment by way of guarantee

6. Financial commitment by way of pledge or charge

7. Acquisition or transfer by way of deferred payment

8. Mode of payment

9. Obligations of person resident in India

10. Reporting requirements for Overseas Investment

11. Delay in reporting

12. Restriction on further financial commitment or transfer

(Ajay Kumar Misra)  
Chief General Manager-in-Charge

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12380&Mode=0>

**Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Directions, 2022**

RBI/2022-2023/110  
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.12

August 22, 2022

All Category – I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam/Sir

**Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Directions, 2022**

Overseas investments by persons resident in India enhance the scale and scope of business operations of Indian entrepreneurs by providing global opportunities for growth. Such ventures through easier access to technology, research and development, a wider global market and reduced cost of capital along with other benefits increase the competitiveness of Indian entities and boost their brand value. These overseas investments are also important drivers of foreign trade and technology transfer thus boosting domestic employment, investment and growth through such interlinkages.

2. In keeping with the spirit of liberalisation and to promote ease of doing business, the Central Government and the Reserve Bank of India have been progressively simplifying the procedures and rationalising the rules and regulations under the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999. In this direction, a significant step has been taken with operationalisation of a new Overseas Investment regime. [Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022](https://rbidocs.rbi.org.in/rdocs/content/pdfs/GazetteRules23082022.pdf) have been notified by the Central Government vide Notification No. G.S.R. 646(E) dated August 22, 2022 and [Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Regulations, 2022](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12380&Mode=0) have been notified by the Reserve Bank vide Notification No. FEMA 400/2022-RB dated August 22, 2022 in supersession of the [Notification No. FEMA 120/2004-RB dated July 07, 2004](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=2126&Mode=0) [Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of any Foreign Security) (Amendment) Regulations, 2004] and [Notification No. FEMA 7 (R)/2015-RB dated January 21, 2016](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=10257&Mode=0) [Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property Outside India) Regulations, 2015]. The new regime simplifies the existing framework for overseas investment by persons resident in India to cover wider economic activity and significantly reduces the need for seeking specific approvals. This will reduce the compliance burden and associated compliance costs.

3. Some of the significant changes brought about through the new rules and regulations are summarised below:

(i) enhanced clarity with respect to various definitions;

(ii) introduction of the concept of “strategic sector”;

(iii) dispensing with the requirement of approval for:

1. deferred payment of consideration;
2. investment/disinvestment by persons resident in India under investigation by any investigative agency/regulatory body;
3. issuance of corporate guarantees to or on behalf of second or subsequent level step down subsidiary (SDS);
4. write-off on account of disinvestment;

(iv) introduction of “Late Submission Fee (LSF)” for reporting delays.

Yours faithfully

Ajay Kumar Misra  
Chief General Manager-in-Charge

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12381&Mode=0>

**Rupee Drawing Arrangement - Enabling Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to process cross-border inbound Bill Payments**

RBI/2022-23/115  
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 14

September 15, 2022

To  
All Category-I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam/Sir,

**Rupee Drawing Arrangement - Enabling Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to process  
cross-border inbound Bill Payments**

Please refer to [A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 120 dated April 10, 2014](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=8832&Mode=0) on ‘Rupee Drawing Arrangement – Direct to Account Facility’, in terms of which, foreign inward remittances received under Rupee Drawing Arrangement (RDA) can be transferred to the KYC compliant beneficiary bank accounts through electronic mode, such as, NEFT, IMPS, etc. subject to the procedure and conditions mentioned therein.

2. As announced in Para 6 of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies issued on August 05, 2022](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54149), it has been decided to allow foreign inward remittances received under the Rupee Drawing Arrangement (RDA), to be transferred to the KYC compliant bank account of the biller (beneficiary) through Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS), subject to the conditions mentioned in Para 3 of [A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No.120 dated April 10, 2014](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=8832&Mode=0).

3. AD Cat-I Banks may bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents concerned.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Vivek Srivastava)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12386&Mode=0>

**Late Submission Fee for reporting delays under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)**

RBI/2022-23/122  
A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 16

September 30, 2022

To  
All Category-I Authorised Dealer Banks

Madam / Sir

**Late Submission Fee for reporting delays under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA)**

The Late Submission Fee (LSF) was introduced for reporting delays in Foreign Investment (FI), External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) and Overseas Investment related transactions with effect from November 07, 2017, January 16, 2019 and August 22, 2022 respectively. It has now been decided to bring uniformity in imposition of LSF across functions. The following matrix shall be used henceforth for calculation of LSF, wherever applicable:

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| **Sr. No.** | **Type of Reporting delays** | **LSF Amount (INR)** |
| 1 | Form ODI Part-II/ APR, FCGPR (B), FLA Returns, Form OPI, evidence of investment or any other return which does not capture flows or any other periodical reporting | 7500 |
| 2 | FC-GPR, FCTRS, Form ESOP, Form LLP(I), Form LLP(II), Form CN, Form DI, Form InVi, Form ODI-Part I, Form ODI-Part III, Form FC, Form ECB, Form ECB-2, Revised Form ECB or any other return which captures flows or returns which capture reporting of non-fund transactions or any other transactional reporting | [7500 + (0.025% × A × n)] |

2. The above provisions shall come into effect immediately for the delayed filings made on or after the date of this circular.

3. All other provisions of reporting under FEMA remain unchanged. AD Category - I banks should bring the contents of this circular to the notice of their constituents and customers.

4. The ‘[Master Direction – Reporting under Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=10202)’ and ‘[Master Direction - External Commercial Borrowings, Trade Credits and Structured Obligations](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=11510)’ are being updated to reflect the changes.

Yours faithfully

Ajay Kumar Misra  
Chief General Manager-in-Charge

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://www.rbi.org.in/scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12393&Mode=0>

**Notification of Significant Benchmark**

RBI/2022-23/142  
FMRD.FMSD.06/03.07.25/2022-23

December 01, 2022

To

All the Financial Benchmark Administrators

Madam/Sir

**Notification of Significant Benchmark**

Please refer to the [Financial Benchmark Administrators (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Directions’), dated June 26, 2019](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11601&Mode=0)and [RBI circular dated January 01, 2020](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11777&Mode=0), notifying six financial benchmarks administered by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) as ‘significant benchmark’.

2. In terms of paragraph 3(i) of the Directions, the Reserve Bank hereby notifies Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR) administered by Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) as a ‘significant benchmark’.

3. The updated list of ‘significant benchmarks’ administered by FBIL is given below:

(i) Overnight Mumbai Interbank Outright Rate (MIBOR)

(ii) Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MIFOR)

(iii) USD/INR Reference Rate

(iv) Treasury Bill Rates

(v) Valuation of Government Securities

(vi) Valuation of State Development Loans (SDL)

(vii) Modified Mumbai Interbank Forward Outright Rate (MMIFOR)

4. Further, in terms of paragraph 3(ii) of the Directions, the person administering the ‘significant benchmark’, shall make an application to the Reserve Bank within a period of three months from the date of this notification for authorization to continue administering MMIFOR.

5. The MIFOR, administered by FBIL, shall continue to remain a ‘significant benchmark’ till further notice.

6. This notification has been issued by the Reserve Bank as required under the [Financial Benchmark Administrators (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2019, dated June 26, 2019](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11601&Mode=0).

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://m.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12414&fn=6&Mode=0#:~:text=(FBIL)%20as%20a%20'significant%20benchmark'.&text=4.,authorization%20to%20continue%20administering%20MMIFOR>.

**Operations of subsidiaries and branches of Indian banks and All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) in foreign jurisdictions and in International Financial Services Centers (IFSCs) - Compliance with statutory/regulatory norms**

RBI/2022-23/145  
DOR.MRG.REC.87/00-00-020/2022-23

December 1, 2022

**Operations of subsidiaries and branches of Indian banks and All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs) in foreign jurisdictions and in International Financial Services Centers (IFSCs) - Compliance with statutory/regulatory norms**

As you are aware, Reserve Bank had vide [circular DBOD.No.BP.BC.89/21.04.141/2008-09 dated December 1, 2008](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=4676&Mode=0) and [circular DBOD.No.BP.BC.111/21.04.157/2013-14 dated May 12, 2014](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=8874&Mode=0) issued instructions to Indian banks and AIFIs on the issue of dealing in financial products by their branches/subsidiaries operating outside India. On a review, it was felt that a framework needs to be in place to allow them to undertake activities which are not specifically permitted in the Indian domestic market and also to specify the applicability of these instructions to International Financial Services Centers (IFSCs) in India including Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

**1. Applicability and commencement**

**2. Dealing in financial products**

**3. Conditions for dealing in financial products**

**4. Compliance with prudential norms**

**5. Activities subject to Indian laws**

**6. Repeal of earlier instructions**

Yours faithfully,

(Usha Janakiraman)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://m.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12417&fn=14&Mode=0>

**Hedging of Gold Price Risk in Overseas Markets**

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A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 19

December 12, 2022

All Authorised Dealer Category – I Banks

Madam / Sir,

**Hedging of Gold Price Risk in Overseas Markets**

Please refer to Paragraph 4 of the [Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54819) announced as a part of the [Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2022-23 dated December 07, 2022](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_PressReleaseDisplay.aspx?prid=54818) regarding hedging of price risk of gold in overseas markets. Attention is also invited to the [Hedging of Commodity Price Risk and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets (Reserve Bank) Directions, 2018 dated March 12, 2018](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=11226&Mode=0), as amended from time to time.

2. Resident entities in India are currently not permitted to hedge their exposure to price risk of gold in overseas markets. On a review, it has been decided to permit eligible entities to hedge their exposure to price risk of gold on exchanges in the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) recognised by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA).

3. The Master Direction – Foreign Exchange Management (Hedging of Commodity Price Risk and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets) Directions, 2022 ([A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 21 dated December 12, 2022](https://m.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12428&Mode=0)) have been issued today and are enclosed herewith.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/ approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

More details can be referred to in the below link.

Reference Link: <https://m.rbi.org.in/scripts/FS_Notification.aspx?Id=12423&fn=6&Mode=0#:~:text=Hedging%20of%20Gold%20Price%20Risk%20in%20Overseas%20Markets&text=Resident%20entities%20in%20India%20are,of%20gold%20in%20overseas%20markets>.

**Master Direction – Foreign Exchange Management (Hedging of Commodity Price Risk and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets) Directions, 2022**

RBI/2022-2023/94  
A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 20

December 12, 2022

All Authorised Dealer Category – I Banks

Madam / Sir,

**Master Direction – Foreign Exchange Management (Hedging of Commodity Price Risk  
and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets) Directions, 2022**

Attention of Authorised Dealer Category - I (AD Cat-I) banks is invited to Regulation 6 and 6A of the Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Exchange Derivative Contracts) Regulations, 2000 dated May 3, 2000 ([Notification No. FEMA. 25/RB-2000 dated May 3, 2000](https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=179&Mode=0)), as amended from time to time, issued under clause (h) of sub-section (2) of Section 47 of Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (Act 42 of 1999) as amended from time to time.

2. Within the contours of the Regulations, the Reserve Bank issues directions to Authorised Persons under Section 11 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (Act 42 of 1999). These Directions lay down the modalities for the AD Cat-I banks for facilitating hedging of commodity price risk and freight risk in overseas markets by their customers / constituents.

3. The Master Direction – Foreign Exchange Management (Hedging of Commodity Price Risk and Freight Risk in Overseas Markets) Directions, 2022 are [enclosed](https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/BS_ViewMasDirections.aspx?id=12427#enclosed) herewith. AD Cat-I banks may bring the contents of these Directions to the notice of their customers / constituents concerned.

4. The directions contained in this circular have been issued under Sections 10(4) and 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and are without prejudice to permissions/ approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

(Dimple Bhandia)  
Chief General Manager

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