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INDUSTRY

➔ CASB releases Exposure Draft of CAS2 (Revised 2015)

Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB), the standard-setting body of the Institute, has approved the release of Exposure Draft of Cost Accounting Standard on Capacity Determination (CAS - 2) (Revised 2015) in its 78th meeting held on 27th August 2015. The exposure draft is hosted on the website for obtaining suggestions and comments on the same. The Exposure Draft will be modified in light of comments received before being issued as a standard in final form.

Please submit your views / comments / suggestions on the proposed Exposure Draft latest by 30th September 2015 through email at casb@icmai.in

Read more at: <http://icmai.in/upload/CASB/ED-CAS2-Revised2015.pdf>

➔ Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has issued a notification dated 28th August, 2015 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Amendment Rules, 2015 to bring out necessary amendments in the interest of the stakeholders.

For details visit: http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/Amendment_Rules_31082015.pdf

➔ IRDA notifies new norms on setting-up of place of business by insurers

All the insurers shall have in place the Board approved Annual Business Plan for every Financial Year. The Annual Business Plan, in addition to the business plans of the Insurer, shall contain the total number of new places of business proposed to be opened within India not only in the urban centers but also in semi-urban and rural centers. The Annual Business Plan shall specifically contain the names of places of business proposed to be opened within India other than those places of bus [...]

Read more at: https://www.irda.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/frm-General_Layout.aspx?page=PageNo2594&flag=1

➔ Assessment Order under sub-section (3) of section 396 of the Companies Act, 1956 read with rule 12-A of the Companies (Central Government's) General Rules and Forms, 1956 in the matter of proposed amalgamation of National Spot Exchange Limited (dissolved company) with its holding company, Financial Technologies (India) Limited (transferee company).

Read more at: http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/AssessmentOrderEnglish_09042015.pdf

➔ Companies no longer required to file e-form INC-21 with ROC

The requirement of filing declaration by a company before commencement of business or exercising its borrowing powers has been dispensed with under the Companies (Amendment) Act, 2015. Accordingly companies are no longer required to file e-form INC-21 with the Registrar through MCA portal.

Read more at: <http://www.mca.gov.in>

➔ Stamp duty in the State of Kerala for registration of Memorandum of Association of a proposed company is changed vide Finance Bill 2015 with effect from 1st April 2015.

Read more at: <http://www.mca.gov.in>

➔ Rs 22,000 crore mobilised under Jan Dhan Yojana: Government

Government said Rs 22,000 crore have been deposited in over 17.5 crore bank accounts within a year of the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, the largest financial inclusion scheme in the world. "At present, more than 17.5 crore bank accounts have been opened under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). More than Rs 22,000 crore has been deposited by the people in their bank accounts opened under the PMJDY," the Finance Ministry said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched this ambitious scheme of financial inclusion on August 28, 2014. The Finance Ministry in series of tweets said the target of opening one account per household was achieved by January 26, 2015, barring few areas of Jammu & Kashmir and left wing extremism affected districts. "PMJDY, the biggest financial inclusion initiative of the world launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 28, 2014, completed its first year," the Ministry said. Listing milestone achieved under the PMJDY, the Finance Ministry in a statement said that Aadhaar has been seeded in 41.82 per cent account opened under PMJDY.

Read more at: http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/articleshow/48712971.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

➔ China's rate cut can stem the market fall: Edelweiss

China cut its one-year lending rate by 25 basis points to 4.6 per cent effective. This is the fifth time the Bank has cut rates since

it first began cutting Interest rates in November'14. This move comes just 10 hours after People's Bank of China auctioned 150 billion yuan (\$23.4 billion) of seven-day reverse-repo. The central bank also decreased interest rate earned on deposits by 25 basis points to 1.75 percent. Required reserve ratio was also lowered by 50 basis points for all banks.

Read more at: http://www.business-standard.com/article/markets/china-s-rate-cut-can-stem-the-market-fall-edelweiss-115082600096_1.html

➤ **Tamil Nadu targets Rs 5,500 crore interest free loan in 2015-16 for farmers**

The Tamil Nadu government has set a target of providing Rs 5,500 crore as interest free loans to the farming community during the current financial year, Housing, Urban Development and Agriculture Minister R Vaithilingam said. "The target for this (financial) year is Rs 5,500 crore," Vaithilingam said in reply to a question raised by CPI (M) MLA A Laser in the Assembly. "Last year we have provided loans of about Rs 5,200 crore against the target of Rs 5,000 crore", he said. On the funds allocated to the agriculture department, Vaithilingam said it grew more than three folds than what was allocated during the DMK regime.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/tamil-nadu-targets-rs-5500-crore-interest-free-loan-in-2015-16-for-farmers/articleshow/48673543.cms>

➤ **305 cities and towns identified for building homes under 'Housing for All by 2022' mission**

The government has identified 305 cities and towns for constructing homes for the urban poor under the 'Housing for All by 2022' mission. These cities and towns are spread across nine of the 15 states that have signed memoranda of agreement with the ministry of housing and urban poverty alleviation for the programme. Of the cities and towns identified, 74 are in Madhya Pradesh, 42 in Odisha, 40 in Rajasthan, 36 in Chhattisgarh, 30 in Gujarat, 34 in Telangana, 19 in Jammu & Kashmir.

Read more at: http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/article-show/48738270.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

➤ **Government planning India's longest 600 km expressway to connect Delhi and Katra**

After announcing highway connectivity for four Hindu religious shrines (Char Dham) in Uttarakhand, the Narendra Modi government now proposes to build an expressway between New Delhi and Katra, the base for pilgrims going to the holy shrine of Vaishno Devi in Jammu & Kashmir. The Ministry of Road Transport

& Highways is working on a plan to build the 600 km expressway, which would be India's longest. The expressway would pass through Haryana, Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir and w [....]

Read more at: http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/article-show/48737546.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

➤ **SEBI to push corporate bond sales online in market overhaul - sources**

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) plans to overhaul the corporate debt market by pushing all issuance onto an electronic platform as early as November, sources with direct knowledge of the plan told Reuters, to boost market activity.

Read more at: <http://in.reuters.com/article/2015/08/27/sebi-bond-sale-online-india-idINKCN0QW0QC20150827>

BANKING

➤ **Foreign Direct Investment – Reporting under FDI Scheme on the e-Biz platform**

With a view to promoting the ease of reporting of transactions under foreign direct investment, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), under the aegis of the e-Biz project of the Government of India has enabled online filing of the Foreign Currency Transfer of Shares (FCTRS) returns for reporting transfer of shares, convertible debentures, partly paid shares and warrants from a person resident in India to a person resident outside India or vice versa.

The design of the reporting platform enables the customer to login into the eBiz portal, download the reporting form (FCTRS), complete and then upload the same onto the portal using their digitally signed certificates. The Authorised Dealer Banks (ADs) will be required to download the completed forms, verify the contents from the available documents and if necessary, call for additional information from the customer and then upload the same for RBI to process and allot the Unique Identification Number (UIN). The FCTRS services of RBI will be made operational on the e-Biz platform from August 24, 2015.

Source: Notification No. RBI/2015-16/157, A.P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 9 dated: August 21, 2015

➤ **Streamlining flow of credit to Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) for facilitating timely and adequate credit flow during their 'Life Cycle'**

Micro and small units are more prone to facing financial difficulties during their Life Cycle than large enterprises / corporates

when the business conditions turn adverse. Absence of timely support at such a juncture could lead to the unit turning sick and many a time irreversibly. As such, role of banks in providing continuous support to viable MSEs during such phases of transient financial difficulties assumes significance.

Accordingly, banks have been advised to put in place Board approved policy on lending to MSEs, adopting an appropriate system of timely and adequate credit delivery to borrowers in the MSE segment within the broad prudential regulations of Reserve Bank of India. The feedback received from various stakeholders indicate that some banks have put in place such policies for extending financial help to the viable / stressed MSE borrowers by way of adequate ad-hoc and standby limits which support the MSE units during adverse business conditions as also when their credit requirements go up.

Banks are, therefore, advised to ensure that their lending policies for MSEs are streamlined and made flexible in order to empower the officials concerned to take quick decisions on credit delivery to MSEs. In this connection, banks may consider the following guidelines and tune their existing policies for lending to the MSE sector accordingly:

i) **Standby Credit Facility** – In terms of circular DBR.No.BP.BC.33/ 21.04.048/ 2014-15 dated August 14, 2014 banks are allowed, at the time of sanction of project loans, to sanction a 'standby credit facility' to fund unforeseen project cost overruns, if needed. Such 'standby credit facilities' are sanctioned at the time of initial financial closure; but disbursed only when there is a cost overrun. At the time of credit assessment of borrowers / project, such cost overruns are also taken into account while determining viability and repayment ability of the borrower. Banks may, as part of their lending policy to MSEs, consider a similar approach of providing a 'standby credit facility', while funding capital expenditure, to fund unforeseen increases in capital expenditure. Further, at the discretion of banks, such 'standby credit facility' may also be sanctioned to fund periodic capital expenditure. The objective of such 'standby credit facility' would be, among others, to extend credit speedily so that the capital asset creation is not delayed and commercial production can commence at the earliest.

ii) **Working Capital Limits** – In terms of extant guidelines, banks are allowed to determine working capital requirements according to their assessment of the borrowers and their credit needs. Banks are required to have a transparent policy and guidelines for credit dispensation, with the approval of their Board, in respect of each broad category of economic activity. In this connection, it is advised that banks may also incorporate, in their lending policy to MSEs, a policy for fixing a separate additional limit, at the time of sanction / renewal of working capital limits, specifically for meeting the temporary rise in working capital requirements arising mainly due to unforeseen / seasonal increase in demand for

products produced by them. Such limits may be released primarily, where there is a sufficient evidence of increase in the demand for products produced by MSEs. Banks may also sanction ad-hoc limits subject to the extant prudential norms, to be regularised not later than three months from the date of sanction.

iii) **Review of Regular Working Capital Limits** – At present, banks review working capital limits at least once in a year based on audited financial statements. However, audited financial statements of MSE units would ordinarily be available with a time lag, post-closing of the financial year. In such cases and where banks are convinced that changes in the demand pattern of MSE borrowers require a mid-term review, they may do so. Such mid-term reviews may be based on an assessment of sales performance of the MSEs since last review without waiting for audited financial statements. However, such mid-term reviews shall be revalidated during the subsequent regular review based on audited financial statements.

iv) **Timelines for Credit Decisions** – Timely credit is critical to the growth of a healthy MSE sector. Towards this Reserve Bank has issued several guidelines.

Source: Notification No. RBI/2015-16/160, FIDD.MSME & NFS. BC.No.60/06.02.31/2015-16 dated: August 27, 2015

➔ **Security and Risk Mitigation Measures for Card Present and Electronic Payment Transactions – Issuance of EMV Chip and PIN Cards**

RBI has issued a circular DPSS (CO) PD.No.2112/02.14.003/2014-15 dated May 07, 2015 that from September 01, 2015 all new cards will be issued – debit and credit, domestic and international – by banks which will be EMV Chip and Pin based cards. Now RBI has again decided to grant extension of time for issuance of EMV Chip and Pin cards vide Notification No. RBI/2015-16/163, DPSS. CO.PD.No.448/02.14.003/2015-16 dated: August 27, 2015 as under:

Sr. No.	Type of Card/s	Time extended upto
(i)	Cards issued under the Prime Minister Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) / Basic Savings Bank Deposit Account (BSBDA) / other Government schemes	September 30, 2016
(ii)	All cards other than (i) above	January 31, 2016

During this extended period, in case of specific requests from customers for issuance of EMV Chip and Pin cards, banks should promptly comply with the request. Besides, all cards issued for international usage will necessarily be EMV Chip and Pin cards. As regards migration of existing magnetic stripe only cards to EMV

Chip and Pin cards, banks may initiate necessary steps to progressively migrate on their own accord so as to ensure that all active cards issued by them are EMV Chip and Pin based by December 31, 2018.

Read more at: <https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=10003&Mode=0>

➤ **Cash Withdrawal at Point-of-Sale (POS) - Enhanced limit at Tier III to VI Centres**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has doubled the limit for cash withdrawal at point-of-sale (POS) in Tier III to VI centres from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000 a day. This will be available for debit cards and open system prepaid cards issued only by banks.

Source: Notification No. RBI/2015-16/164 [DPSS.CO.PD. No.449/02.14.003/2015-16] dated: August 27, 2015

➤ All the Non Banking Financial Institutions/Companies registered with MCA are requested to comply with the requirement of section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934, if applicable to them.

Kindly visit the link to the RBI website <https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/FAQView.aspx?Id=71>

➤ **RBI asks banks to streamline lending policies for MSEs**

The Reserve Bank asked all scheduled commercial banks to streamline their lending policies for the Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs) sector. "Some banks have not yet put in place Board-approved policy on lending to MSEs, adopting an appropriate system of timely and adequate credit delivery to borrowers in the MSE segment within the broad prudential regulations of RBI," the central bank said in a notification. It also asked banks to sanction a 'standby credit facility' to fund unforeseen project cost overruns. "The objective of such 'standby credit facility' would be, among others, to extend credit speedily so that the capital asset creation is not delayed," RBI said. The central bank also asked banks to sanction ad-hoc limits, subject to extant prudential norms, to be regularized not later than three months from date of sanction.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/rbi-asks-banks-to-streamline-lending-policies-for-mses/articleshow/48702057.cms>

➤ **Overseas borrowing by Indian firms drops 42% in July**

India Inc's external commercial borrowing (ECB) fell by 42.5 per cent to \$ 2.14 billion during July 2015 compared to the same period last year. Indian firms had raised \$ 3.72 billion from overseas in July 2014. In June 2015, the ECB stood at \$ 3.16 billion. As many

as four companies raised money through approval route by way of ECB, while 57 companies raised debt from overseas through automatic route, the RBI data showed. Among major borrowers in approval category, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone raised \$ 650 million in two separate tranches for ports business and refinancing its earlier ECB.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/overseas-borrowing-by-indian-firms-drops-42-in-july/articleshow/48714629.cms>

TAXATION

➤ **CBDT enables e-Filing of Form No. 61B**

The e-Filing of Form No. 61B relating to Statement of Reportable Account u/s 285BA(1) of the Income-tax Act, 1961 has been enabled for "Registration" and "Submission of Nil statement". Reporting Entities are requested to register in the e-Filing portal post login --> My Account --> Register as Reporting Financial Institution. After successful Registration, for submission of Nil statement of Form No. 61B can be done post login --> e-File --> Submit Form 61B/Nil Statement. XML upload of Form No. 61B shall be enabled shortly.

Taxpayers are requested to go to "Profile Settings --> Link Aadhaar" after logging to their account to link their Aadhaar with PAN. This is an optional feature that will enable taxpayers to e-Verify their Income Tax return if their Aadhaar-PAN linking is successful and if they have a valid mobile number registered with Aadhaar.

Read more at: <https://incometaxindiaefiling.gov.in>

➤ **Section 10(23C)(vi) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 - exemptions - University or other educational institutions - Notified University or other Educational Institution - Clarification on certain issues related to grant of approval and claim of exemption under section 10(23C)(vi) vide Circular No.14/2015 [F. NO.197/38/2015-ITA-I], dated: 17-8-2015**

Sub-clause (vi) of clause (23C) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 ('Act') prescribes that income of any university or other educational institutions, existing solely for educational purposes and not for purposes of profit, shall be exempt from tax if such entities are approved by the prescribed authorities. Such approval is not required in cases of university or educational institutions wholly or substantially financed by the Government [sub-clause (iiiab)] or if their aggregate annual receipts do not exceed Rs. 1 crore [sub-clause (iiiaad) r.w. rule 2BC].

Thus, while granting approval to entities covered under sub-clause (vi), the prescribed authority has to ensure that the applicant in-

stitution must exist “solely for educational purposes and not for purposes of profit”. There are several Provisos to clause (23C) of section 10 and prescribe, inter alia, various monitoring conditions subject to fulfillment of which only, the exemption can be availed. These monitoring conditions include mode and manner of application of funds, maintenance and audit of books of accounts in certain situations etc. Some other Provisos prescribe the manner of making application u/s 10(23C)(vi) and the circumstances when an approval granted earlier can be withdrawn.

Read more at: http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/circular/circular14_2015.pdf

➡ **Income-Tax (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2015 - Insertion of Rule 126**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Explanation 2 to clause (1) of section 6 read with section 295 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Board of Direct Taxes makes the rules further to amend the Income-tax Rules, 1962, namely the Income-tax (Twelfth Amendment) Rules, 2015. In the Income-tax Rules, 1962, in Part XV, after rule 125, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:—

Rule 126: Computation of period of stay in India in certain cases

(1) For the purposes of clause (1) of section 6, in case of an individual, being a citizen of India and a member of the crew of a ship, the period or periods of stay in India shall, in respect of an eligible voyage, not include the period computed in accordance with sub-rule (2).

(2) The period referred to in sub-rule (1) shall be the period beginning on the date entered into the Continuous Discharge Certificate in respect of joining the ship by the said individual for the eligible voyage and ending on the date entered into the Continuous Discharge Certificate in respect of signing off by that individual from the ship in respect of such voyage.

Explanation: For the purposes of this rule,—

(a) “Continuous Discharge Certificate” shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Merchant Shipping (Continuous Discharge Certificate-cum-Seafarer’s Identity Document) Rules, 2001 made under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958);

(b) “eligible voyage” shall mean a voyage undertaken by a ship engaged in the carriage of passengers or freight in international traffic where—

(i) for the voyage having originated from any port in India, has as its destination any port outside India; and

(ii) for the voyage having originated from any port outside India, has as its destination any port in India.

Source: Notification No. 70/2015 [F.NO.142/12/2015-TPL]/SO 2240(E), dated: 17-8-2015

➡ **Section 10(46) of the Income-Tax Act, 1961 - Exemptions - Statutory Body/Authority/Board/Commission - Notified Body or Authority - Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Board**

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (46) of section 10 of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (43 of 1961), the Central Government hereby notifies for the purposes of the said clause, “Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Board”, a Board established under the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 2006 (Act 24 of 2006) in respect of the following specified income arising to the Board, namely:—

(a) amount received in the Fund as established under section 3 of Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Act, 2006;

(b) amount of interest income earned on bank deposits.

This notification shall be deemed to have been applied for the financial years 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and shall be applicable for the financial years 2015-2016, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

This notification shall be effective subject to the condition, namely:—

(a) that the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Board does not engage in any commercial activity;

(b) that the activities and the nature of the specified income of the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Board remain unchanged throughout the financial years;

(c) that the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Workers’ Welfare Fund Board files return of income in accordance with the provision of clause (g) of sub-section (4C) of section 139 of the Income-tax Act, 1961.

Source: Notification No. 68/2015 [F.NO.196/18/2014-ITA-I], dated 13-8-2015

➡ **Reporting requirement under Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standards (CRS)**

In this regard, Government of India has notified the amendments to Income Tax Rules (Rules) vide notification dated August 7, 2015 (copy attached) and have added Rule 114F (definitions), 114G (Information to be maintained and reported) and 114H (due diligence requirement) for operationalisation of IGA and CRS. This information regarding US reportable persons and other reportable persons have to be furnished in a form 61B, which has also been notified with the above mentioned notification. All the concerned ‘financial institutions’ (this term throughout the circular has the same meaning as defined in the Rules) should refer to the amended rules and take steps for complying with the reporting requirements. Accordingly, all the concerned financial institutions should register on the related e-filing portal of Income Tax Department as Reporting Financial Institution by submitting the

requisite details. Thereafter, the reports can be submitted online by using the digital signature of the 'Designated Director' by either uploading the Form 61B or 'NIL' report.

Source: Notification No. RBI/2015-16/165 [DBR.AML.BC.No.36/14.01.001/2015-16] dated: August 28, 2015

Read more at: <https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=10005&Mode=0>

➤ **Reporting requirement under Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and Common Reporting Standards (CRS) – Guidance Note**

In continuation to circular DBR.AML.BC No.36/14.01.001/2015-16 dated August 28, 2015, a "Guidance Note on Implementation of Reporting Requirements under Rules 114F to 114H" as issued by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance vide F. No.500/137/2011-FTTR-III dated August, 31, 2015 is enclosed for information and necessary action.

Read more at: [http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/guidance notes on implementation 31 08 2015.pdf](http://www.incometaxindia.gov.in/communications/notification/guidance%20notes%20on%20implementation%2031%2008%202015.pdf)

➤ Levy of definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of Diketopyrrolo Pyrrole Pigment Red 254 (DPP Red 254), originating in or exported from the People's Republic of China and Switzerland for a period of five years vide Notification No. 41/2015-Cus (ADD), dt. 17-08-2015.

➤ CBEC seeks to impose anti-dumping duty on the imports of Phosphoric Acid of all grades and all concentration (excluding Agriculture or Fertilizer grade), originating in or exported from Korea RP for a period of five years vide Notification No. 45/2015-Cus (ADD), dt. 24-08-2015.

➤ Fixation of T V of Edible oil, Brass, Poppy seed, Areca nut, gold and Silver vide Notification No. 83/2015-CUSTOMS (N. T.) dated: 31st August 2015.

Read more at: <http://www.cbec.gov.in/resources/htdocs-cbec/customs/cs-act/notifications/notfns-2015/cs-nt2015/csnt83-2015.pdf>

➤ **Procedure for registration and submission of report as per clause (k) of sub section (1) of section 285BA of Income-tax Act, 1961 read with Sub rule (7) of Rule 114G of Income-tax Rules, 1962**

Central Board of Direct Taxes ('Board') under Sub Rule (9) (a) and 9 (b) of Rule 114G of the Income tax Rules 1962, the Principal Director General of Income-tax (Systems) lays down the proce-

dures, data structure and standards for ensuring secure capture and transmission of data, evolving and implementing appropriate security, archival and retrieval policies as under:

(a) **Registration of the reporting financial institution:** The reporting financial institution is required to get registered with the Income Tax Department by logging in to the e-filing website with the log in ID used for the purpose of filing the Income Tax Return of the reporting financial institution. A link to register reporting financial institution has been provided under "My Account". The reporting financial institution is required to submit registration details on the screen. A reporting financial institution may submit different registration information under different reporting financial institution categories.

(b) **Submission of Form 61B:** Once the reporting financial institution gets registered successfully, it is required to submit the Form 61B or Nil statement under "e-File" menu. The prescribed schema for the report under form 61B can be downloaded from the e-filing website. The reporting financial institution will be required to submit the calendar year for which report is to be submitted and the reporting entity category for which the report is to be submitted. The reporting financial institution will then be provided the options to upload the Form 61B. The form is required to be submitted using a Digital Signature Certificate.

(c) **Submission of Nil statement:** In case nil statement has to be submitted by the reporting financial institution, the option to submit Nil statement is required to be selected.

(d) **Digital signature certificate:** In case if the designated director (as reported in registration details submitted by the reporting financial institution as per para 2(a) above is same as the person authorized to verify the return of income of the reporting financial institution as per the provisions of section 140 of the Income-tax Act, 1961, the Form 61B or Nil statement is required to be submitted with the digital signature certificate of the person authorized to sign the return of income of the reporting financial institution. In other cases, the procedure will be notified separately.

Source: Notification No. 3/2015 dated: 25th August, 2015

FOREIGN TRADE

➤ **US extends anti-dumping duty on Indian mushrooms for 5 years**

The United States has extended the anti-dumping duty on Indian preserved mushrooms for another five years. The move would impact domestic exporters as the US is a major export destination for India.

The US International Trade Commission (USITC) has "deter-

mined that revoking the existing anti-dumping duty orders on preserved mushrooms from Chile, China, India, and Indonesia are likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/us-extends-anti-dumping-duty-on-indian-mushrooms-for-5-years/articleshow/48730342.cms>

➡ **FDI in services sector dips 14% in April-June**

Country's services sector witnessed around 14 per cent decline in FDI at \$636 million (Rs 4,036 crore) in the first quarter of the current fiscal. The services sector -- which includes banking, insurance, outsourcing, R&D, courier and technology testing -- had received a foreign direct investment (FDI) of worth \$738 million (Rs 4,421 crore) during April-June 2014, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) data showed. The (services) sector contributes about 60 per cent to the India's economic growth. In FY 2013-14, foreign investment in the sector increased to \$3.25 billion from \$2.22 billion in the preceding fiscal.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/fdi-in-services-sector-dips-14-in-april-june/articleshow/48729658.cms>

➡ **Palm oil imports to hit record 10 million tonnes as 'producers dump' at discount: Ruchi Soya**

Overseas purchases of palm oil in the year starting November are set to rise nearly eight percent to a record 10 million tonnes as producers dump the tropical oil at steep discounts, key importer Ruchi Soya said. Higher purchases by India, the world's top importer of cooking oils, could support benchmark Malaysian palm oil futures which are trading near their lowest level in 6-1/2 years due to soft prices and concerns over China.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/palm-oil-imports-to-hit-record-10-million-tonnes-as-producers-dump-at-discount-ruchi-soya/articleshow/48696190.cms>

➡ **India, Scotland explore trade opportunities under Make in India**

India has held a first-of-its-kind business summit in Scotland to strengthen bilateral trade ties and generate awareness among Scottish companies for doing business in the country under the 'Make in India' initiative. "The India-Scotland Business Summit is being organised at an opportune time when the economies of both India and UK are witnessing high levels of growth and diversification. Scotland plays a very vital role in the UK economy," Indian High Commissioner to the UK Ranjan Mathai said.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/foreign-trade/india-scotland-explore-trade-opportunities-under-make-in-india/articleshow/48679402.cms>

➡ **India to participate in EXPO-2017 to be held in Kazakhstan**

India has formally confirmed its participation at the major international exposition EXPO-2017 to be held in Central Asia's biggest country Kazakhstan.

India's decision came following visit by Rapol Zhoshybayev, Commissioner of the International specialized exhibition EXPO-2017 and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan to India. The objectives of his visit was to promote the main ideas and themes of EXPO-2017 in India, to hold negotiations with the leadership of the country on the issue of getting the official confirmation of the participation of India in Expo 2017, as well as establishing contacts with leading companies in India in the sphere of alternative energy sources, according to members of visiting delegation who briefed press at Delhi's Leela Palace Hotel.

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➡ **Inching towards a new high, forex reserves up by \$921 million to \$355.354 billion**

India's foreign exchange reserves rose by \$921 million to \$355.354 billion in the week to August 21, Reserve Bank of India said. The forex reserves is now just a tad less than the all time high of \$355.459 billion, enough to pay for nine months of imports. "This should provide a buffer and smooth out normal import and debt servicing requirements over the year," RBI said in its annual report released. Buoyant capital inflows in excess of the external financing requirement raised international reserves to a high level. However, the fall in merchandise exports through the first four months of 2015-16 rendered the economy vulnerable to external shocks. Imports have remained subdued, primarily on account of softening of crude and gold prices. India's reserves in terms of gold remained unchanged at \$18.250 billion, RBI said.

Read more at: <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/economy/finance/inching-towards-a-new-high-forex-reserves-up-by-921-million-to-355-354-billion/articleshow/48712011.cms>

➡ **Export Policy of Onions- increase in Minimum Export Price**

Export of onion for the item description at Serial Number 51 & 52 of Chapter 7 of Schedule 2 of ITC (HS) Classification of Export & Import Items shall be permitted subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) of US\$ 700 F.O.B. per Metric Ton or as notified by DGFT vide Notification No. 18/2015-20 dated: 24th August, 2015.



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