

Info Capsule

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❖ **Securities Laws & Capital Markets**

SEBI Press Release

SEBI signs IOSCO's Enhanced Multilateral MoU (EMMoU) (December 23, 2021)

SEBI has signed the Enhanced Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding (EMMoU) of the International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) on December 22, 2021. Shri. Ajay Tyagi, Chairman signed the EMMoU on behalf of SEBI. With the signing, SEBI joins a select group of securities regulators which are signatories to EMMoU. The EMMoU signatories, by availing themselves of advanced level of assistance and by continuing to provide each other with the fullest cooperation permissible, are expected to increase the effectiveness of their investigations and the enforcement of their jurisdiction's laws and regulations.

For details:

https://www.sebi.gov.in/media/press-releases/dec-2021/sebi-signs-iosco-s-enhanced-multilateral-mou-emmou-_54931.html



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❖ **Banking and Insurance**

Restriction on storage of actual card data [i.e. Card-on-File (CoF)] (December 23, 2021)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide its Circular dated March 17, 2020 on "Guidelines on Regulation of Payment Aggregators and Payment Gateways", the authorised non-bank payment aggregators and merchants on-boarded by them were prohibited from storing card data (CoF) from June 30, 2021. At the request of industry stakeholders, this timeline was extended to December 31, 2021. Further, regulations on CoF Tokenisation (CoFT) were issued vide circular dated September 07, 2021 on "Tokenisation – Card Transactions: Permitting Card-on-File Tokenisation (CoFT) Services.

In light of various representations received in this regard, RBI has advise as under :

- a) the timeline for storing of CoF data is extended by six months, i.e., till June 30, 2022; post this, such data shall be purged; and
- b) in addition to tokenisation, industry stakeholders may devise alternate mechanism(s) to handle any use case (including recurring e-mandates, EMI option, etc.) or post-transaction activity (including chargeback handling, dispute resolution, reward/loyalty programme, etc.) that currently involves / requires storage of CoF data by entities other than card issuers and card networks.

For details:

<https://www.rbi.org.in/Scripts/NotificationUser.aspx?Id=12211&Mode=0>

❖ **Business and Economic News**

"Soya Meal" added in the Schedule of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, (December 23, 2021)

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food And Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) vide Notification S.O. 5369(E) dated 23rd December, 2021 and in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 2A (2) of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, the Central Government issued Essential Commodities Order, 2021 to regulate the production, stocking and distribution of Soya Meal.

In view of the above Order, in the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, in the Schedule, after serial No. (8), the following item shall be added, namely:- "(9) Soya Meal". This Notification shall remain in force for a period up to 30th June, 2022 from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

For details: <https://egazette.nic.in/WriteReadData/2021/232095.pdf>

❖ *Insolvency and Bankruptcy*

Invitation of comments from public on proposed changes to the Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation Framework under Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (December 23, 2021)

Ministry of Corporate Affairs vide its notice dated December 23, 2021 is inviting comments from public on proposed changes to the Corporate Insolvency Resolution and Liquidation Framework under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 latest by 5:30 PM on January 13, 2022 through weblink:

https://ibbi.gov.in/webfront/public_on_proposed_changes_2016.php

The proposed changes *inter-alia* contains provisions relating to: enabling a swift admission process; Streamlining avoidable transactions and wrongful trading; Time period for approval of resolution plans; Closure of the Voluntary Liquidation Process; IBC Fund etc.

For details:

<https://ibbi.gov.in/uploads/whatsnew/1b7f16f9aa0f22faacfbdc0211c6bd8.pdf>

❖ *Terminology for today*

Harvest Strategy

A harvest strategy is a marketing and business strategy that involves a reduction or a termination of investments in a product, product line, or line of business so that the entities involved can reap or harvest the maximum profits. A harvest strategy is typically employed toward the end of a product's life cycle when it is determined that further investment will no longer boost product revenue.

❖ *Market Watch*

| Stock Market Indices as on 24.12.2021 | |
|--|--------------------|
| S & P BSE Sensex | 57124.31 (-190.97) |
| Nifty 50 | 17003.75 (-68.85) |

| Foreign Exchange Rates as on 23.12.2021 (https://www.geojit.com/currency-futures/rbi-reference-rate) | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| INR / 1 USD | INR / 1 EUR | INR / 1 GBP | INR / 1 JPY |
| 75.47 | 85.28 | 100.41 | 0.66 |

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