

Regulatory Alert: AIF/SSE/DPs/MIIs May 2024 – Vol II

1. Certification requirement for key investment team of manager of AIF

SEBI has mandated that at least one key personnel of the key investment team of the manager of an Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) shall obtain NISM Series-XIX-C: Alternative Investment Fund Managers Certification Examination. It will be applicable as an eligibility criterion to all the applications for registration of AIFs and launch of schemes by AIFs filed after May 10, 2024. For more details, [click here](#).

2. Framework for considering unaffected price for transactions upon confirmation of market rumour

SEBI has directed stock exchanges to issue a framework for material price movement on their websites for verifying the market rumours. Additionally, to enhance transparency and market integrity, SEBI has issued guidelines for determining the "unaffected price" in transactions following the confirmation of market rumours. For more details, [click here](#).

3. Audiovisual (AV) presentation of disclosures made in Public Issue Offer Documents

SEBI has directed that the salient disclosures made in the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP), Red Herring Prospects (RHP) and Price Band Advertisement for public issues should be made available in Audio Visual format (AV) for ease in understanding the features of public issues. Such AV must be prepared and placed in the public domain for all main board public issues initially in bilingual format i.e. English and Hindi. For more details, [click here](#).

4. Norms for sharing of real time price data to third parties

In order to curb misuse or unauthorized use of real time price data by third parties, SEBI has directed Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs) and registered market intermediaries to ensure that no real time price data is shared with any third party. The list of entities and activities for which the real-time data may be shared with, must be reviewed by the Board of the MIIs or market intermediaries at least once in a financial year. For more details, [click here](#).

5. Timelines for disclosures by Social Enterprises on Social Stock Exchange (SSE)

SEBI has set timelines for disclosures by Social Enterprises on the Social Stock Exchange (SSE). In terms of Regulation 91C (1) of SEBI LODR Regulations, Not for Profit Organizations (NPOs) registered on SSE must make annual disclosures by October 31, 2024, for FY 2023-24. Additionally, under Regulation 91E (1), Social Enterprises that have registered or raised funds through SSE must submit their Annual Impact Report by the same date for FY 2023-24. For more details, [click here](#).

6. Self-Regulatory Organizations for Social Impact Assessors in the context of Social Stock Exchange ("SSE")

In addition to the Self-Regulatory Organization (SROs) under the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for Social Impact Assessors in the context of Social Stock Exchange, SEBI has introduced new SROs. They are: i) ICMAI Social Auditors Organization (ICMAI SAO) under the Institute of Cost Accountants of India; ii) ICSI Institute of Social Auditors (ICSI ISA) under the Institute of Company Secretaries of India. For more details, [click here](#).

7. Investor Charter for Depositories, Depository Participants and Stock Exchanges

In order to facilitate investor awareness, SEBI has modified the Investor Charter for Depositories, DPs and Stock Exchanges which details the services provided to Investors, Rights of Investors, various activities of Depository through DPs with timelines, etc. Further, Depositories and Stock Exchanges are advised to disclose the Investor Charter on their respective websites. For more details, [click here](#).

The above Regulatory alerts may be relevant for the individuals with the following NISM Certifications:

- NISM-Series-VI: Depository Operations Certification Examination
- NISM-Series-VII: Securities Operations and Risk Management Certification Examination
- NISM Series-IX: Merchant Banking Certification Examination
- NISM Series XIX-A: Alternative Investment Funds (Category I and II) Distributors
- NISM Series XIX-B: Alternative Investment Funds (Category III) Distributors
- NISM Series XIX-C: Alternative Investment Fund Managers
- NISM-Series-XXIII: Social Impact Assessors Certification Examination