

Regulatory Alert

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FPI/AIF/DP/RA/PMS/CD

1. Ease of regulatory compliances for FPIs investing only in Government Securities

Pertaining to FPIs investing only in Government Securities, SEBI has amended the Master Circular for Foreign Portfolio Investors, Designated Depository Participants and Eligible Foreign Investors. A provision stating, “FPIs that invest exclusively in Government Securities under Fully Accessible Route shall not be required to furnish investor group details” has been added. Further, subsequent to the Reserve Bank of India’s circular dated June 05, 2026, the requirement for FPIs investing in Government Securities through the General Route to comply with the prescribed concentration limit has been withdrawn. Consequently, SEBI has removed the requirement for identification of investor group by an FPI investing only in Government Securities. For more details, [click here](#).

2. Relaxation in timeline with respect to Accredited Investor mandate for Angel Funds

SEBI has extended the timeline till March 31, 2027, for Angel Funds registered with SEBI on or before September 10, 2025, to comply with the Accredited Investor mandate under the conditions specified in para 8.1.2 of AIF Master Circular. For more details, [click here](#).

3. Review of Position Limits for Clients and Penalty Provisions for Violation / Breach of Position Limits for Commodity Derivatives Segment

SEBI has revised the provisions relating to client-level position limits and penalties for violation/breach of position limits in the commodity derivatives segment. The revised framework modifies Paragraphs 3.4.3 and 3.5.2 of the SEBI Master Circular for Commodity Derivatives Segment dated August 04, 2023. For agricultural commodities, the client-level position limits have been revised to 2% of deliverable supply for Broad commodities, 1% for Narrow commodities and 0.5% for Sensitive commodities. The definition of Broad Commodity has also been revised. Further, monetary penalties for client-level open-interest violations have been revised based on the extent of violation, closing price and number of days of violation, subject to specified monetary caps. For more details, [click here](#).

4. Standardised framework for classification and presentation of Schemes under the NPS

PFRDA has prescribed the framework governing the classification, presentation, operation and disclosure of investment schemes under the NPS. For instance, the framework classifies investment schemes into five major categories, namely Lifecycle-based Schemes, Active Choice, NPS Sanchay, MSF and Schemes (Curated/Thematic Schemes). It specifies an Asset Allocation Matrix for Lifecycle-based Schemes, covering equity allocation based on an age-linked glide path. Under Active Choice, subscribers have the flexibility to determine the allocation of contributions among the available asset classes, subject to the maximum permissible allocation limit for each asset class. Similarly, maximum permissible allocation limits have been defined for each asset class under NPS Sanchay. Further, each MSF scheme has been classified based on its equity allocation mandate, which defines the applicable exposure limits. For more details, [click here](#).

5. Operational Guidelines for NPS Swasthya under the National Pension System (NPS), 2026

PFRDA has issued operational guidelines pertaining to NPS Swasthya under the National Pension System (NPS), 2026. These guidelines are divided into eight chapters covering NPS Swasthya Framework, Pension Fund, Health Benefit Administrator, Insurance Policy, CRA and PoP,

Technology, Subscriber Disclosure and Grievance Redressal, Reporting, Compliance and Regulatory Powers etc. For more details, [click here](#).

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

1. NISM-Series-VI: Depository Operations
2. NISM-Series-XVI: Commodity Derivatives
3. NISM-Series-XVII: Retirement Adviser
4. NISM-Series-XIX-A: Alternative Investment Funds (Category I and II) Distributors
5. NISM-Series-XIX-B: Alternative Investment Funds (Category III) Distributors
6. NISM-Series-XIX-C: Alternative Investment Fund Managers
7. NISM-Series-XIX-D: Category I and II Alternative Investment Fund Managers
8. NISM-Series-XIX-E: Category III Alternative Investment Fund Managers
9. NISM-Series-XXI-A: Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Distributors
10. NISM-Series-XXI-B: Portfolio Managers