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As per the [press release issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on January 20, 2021](#), Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has launched 'Regulatory Compliance Portal' on January 1, 2021. The objective of this portal is to act as a bridge between citizens, industries and the Government in order to minimize burdensome compliances. It will also act as a first-of-its-kind central online repository of all Central and State-level compliances.

As per the press release, all Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs would examine laws/regulations/rules under their purview and implement an Action Plan to rationalize and simplify all the processes and remove burdensome compliances, decriminalize laws and repeal redundant Acts. These details would be captured and tracked on the Regulatory Compliance Portal. Industry stakeholders from Trade bodies such as CII, FICCI and ASSOCHAM would also be able to submit compliances and proposed recommendations. This will be assessed by concerned Government authorities and suitable action would be undertaken to minimize the regulatory compliance burden.

Performance of activities on this portal would be closely reviewed by the senior Government officers. Cabinet Secretary would have real-time comprehensive view of all compliances and status of all requests raised across Central Ministries/Departments and States/UTs. Customized reports of action taken by each Ministry/Department and State/UT also gets generated for monitoring and evaluation.

The Regulatory Compliance Portal is launched to help usher ease of doing business for industry and ease of living for citizens.

SEBI's relaxations on rights issue opening upto March 31, 2021

SEBI had granted one-time relaxation from strict enforcement of certain provisions of SEBI (Issue of Capital and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2018 (**ICDR Regulations**), pertaining to rights issue opening upto December 31, 2020 (available [here](#) and [here](#)). One of such relaxations provided for an optional mechanism to ASBA for participation in rights issue, and required the issuer, lead manager(s), registrar, and other recognized intermediaries, to institute an optional mechanism (non-cash mode only) to accept the applications of the shareholders subject to ensuring that no third party payments shall be allowed in respect of any application.

SEBI has now extended the aforesaid relaxation of optional mechanism for rights issues opening upto **March 31, 2021** provided the issuer along with the lead manager(s) continues to comply with the following conditions provided under the erstwhile circulars:

- (a) The mechanism(s) shall only be an additional option and not a replacement of the existing process. As far as possible, attempts will be made to adhere to the existing prescribed framework.
- (b) The mechanism(s) shall be transparent, robust and have adequate checks and balances. It should aim at facilitating subscription in an efficient manner without imposing any additional costs on investors. The issuer along with lead manager(s), and registrar shall satisfy themselves about the transparency, fairness and integrity of such mechanism.
- (c) An FAQ, online dedicated investor helpdesk, and helpline shall be created by the issuer company along with lead manager(s) to guide investors in gaining familiarity with the application process and resolve difficulties faced by investors on priority basis.
- (d) The issuer along with lead manager(s), registrar, and other recognized intermediaries (as incorporated in the mechanism) shall be responsible for all investor complaints.

Aforementioned relation has been granted vide SEBI Circular dated January 19, 2021 ([available here](#)).

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