

MONTHLY COMPLIANCE ROUNDUP

APRIL 2026



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUMMARY

The month saw **1125** legal and regulatory changes across Centre and States and across various categories.

REGULATORY CHANGES IN APRIL 2026

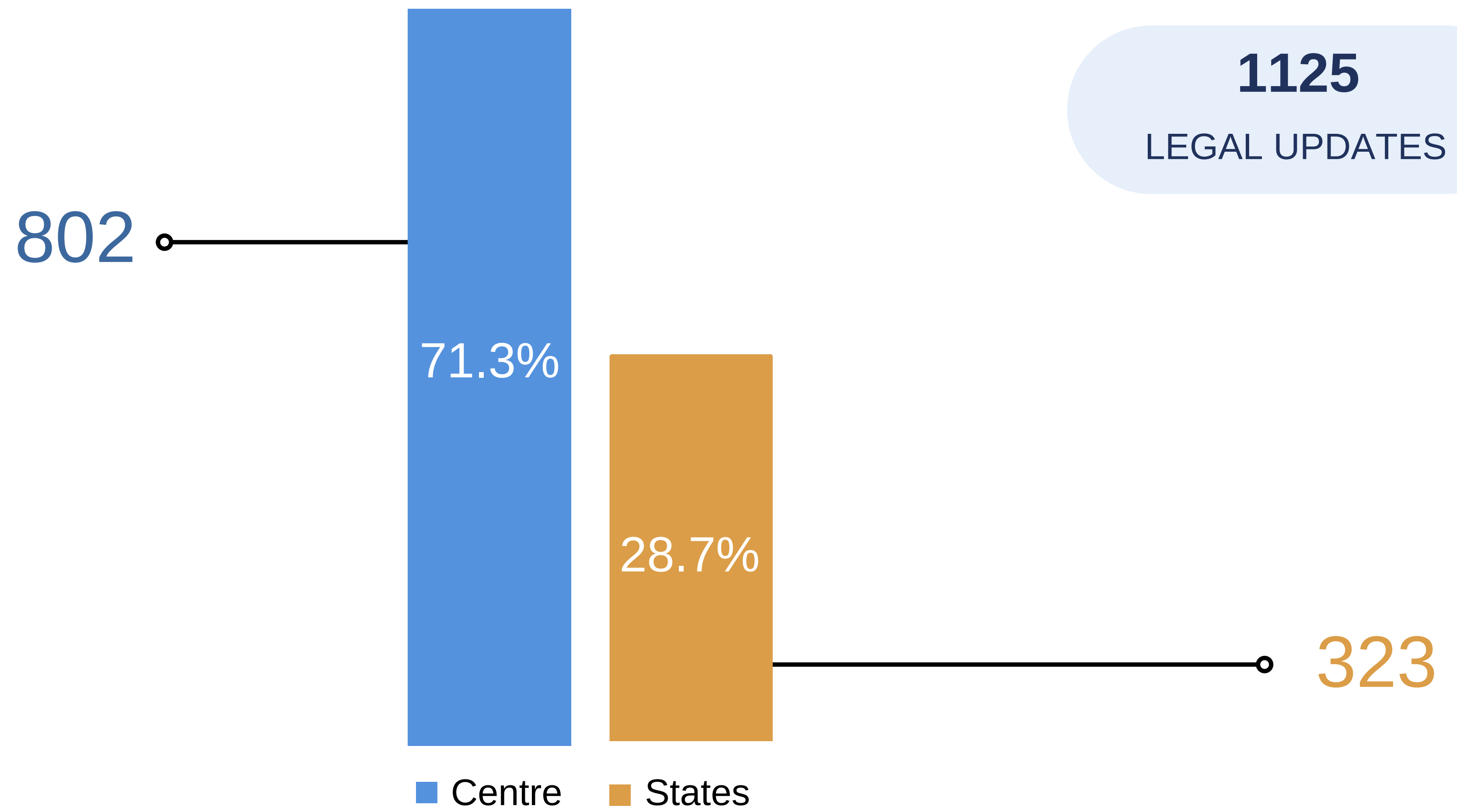
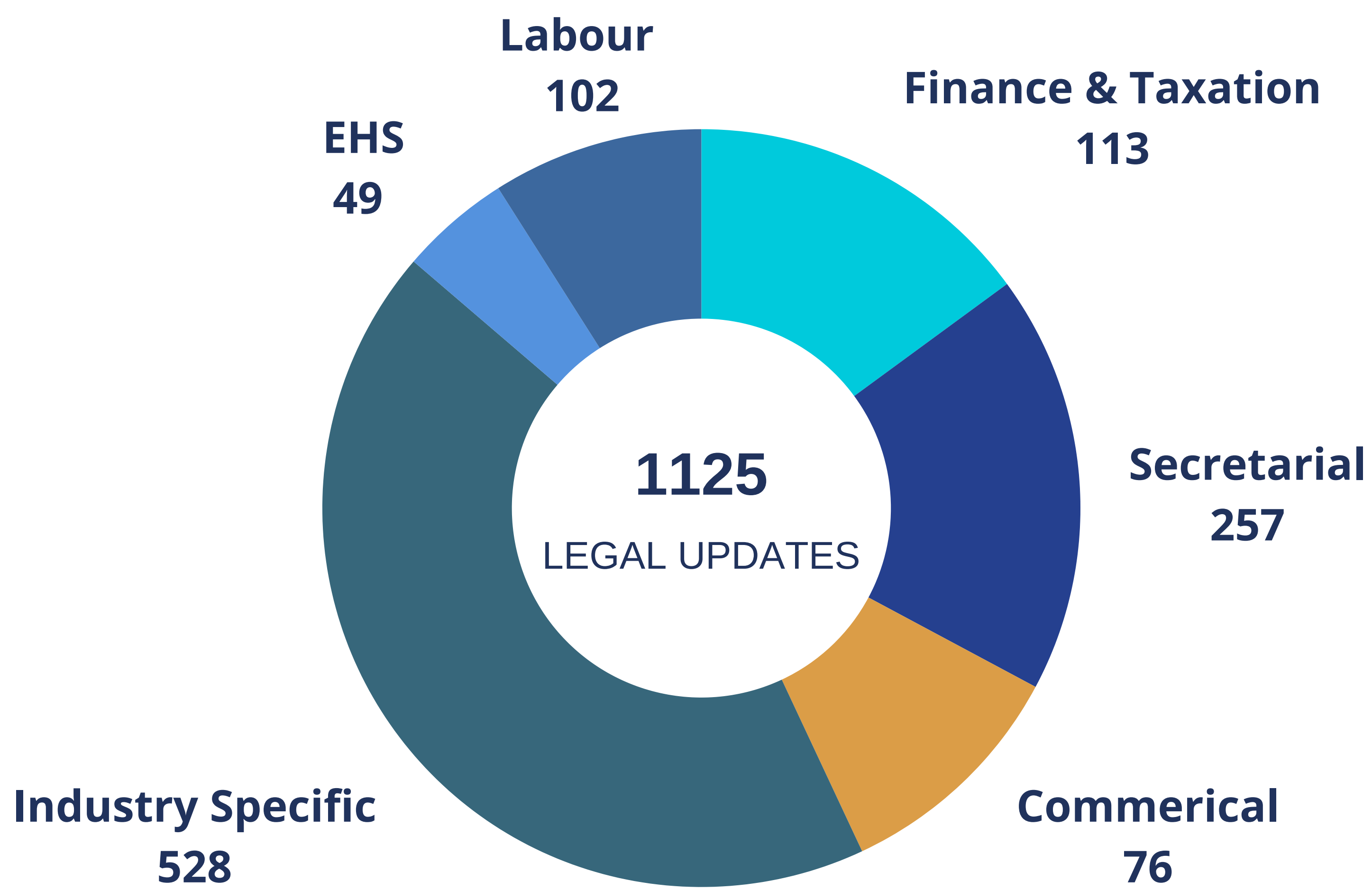


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Fig 2: Compliance Category Statistics



1 FINANCE AND TAXATION UPDATES

There were 113 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on April 02, 2026, issued a notification regarding revision in the tariff value amending the notification No. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated August 03, 2001.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 02, 2026, issued a notification regarding the MoU on Tax Collection Assistance between India and Japan.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 02, 2026, issued a notification regarding Floating Rate Savings Bonds, 2020 (Taxable) - FRSB 2020 (T) - Operational Guidelines.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) on April 01, 2026, notified the Gross and Net GST revenue collections for the month of March 2026.
- The Department of Income Tax on April 01, 2026, notified regarding the Launch of New Income Tax Challans under the Income Tax Act, 2025, on the E-Filing Portal (Effective April 01, 2026).
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on April 10, 2026, issued Procedure to handle export cargo originating from SEZ, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz.
- The Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) on April 10, 2026, notified regarding the Pre-deposit Percentage in the GST Portal.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 08, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in Anti-Dumping Duty notification on Industrial Laser Machines.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on April 9, 2026, issued a circular introducing Guidelines to facilitate faster cross-border inward payments. The circular follows a draft issued on October 29, 2025, and incorporates stakeholder feedback after due examination, along with a statement on key feedback provided in the Annex.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on April 8, 2026, released draft Amendment Directions proposing changes to the existing framework on Investment Fluctuation Reserve (IFR) across multiple categories of banks, including commercial banks, small finance banks, payments banks, co-operative banks, and regional rural banks. These draft directions also include related amendments to prudential norms on capital adequacy and financial statement disclosures, aiming to streamline investment portfolio regulations.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network on April 16, 2026, issued an advisory on re-computation of Interest under Table 5.1 of GSTR-3B.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 16, 2026, issued amendments to the Income-tax Rules, 2026 vide number G.S.R. 198(E), dated March 20, 2026.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) on April 15, 2026, issued Procedure to handle export cargo containers off loaded at foreign ports and subsequently returned to India, in view of disruption in maritime routes due to closure of the Strait of Hormuz.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 11, 2026; notified regarding the increase in Special Additional Excise Duty on High-Speed Diesel Oil.

- The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) on April 10, 2026, issued the Corrigendum to notification no. G.S.R. 230(E), dated March 30, 2026 regarding "Income-tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2026".
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on April 11, 2026, issued the amendment to the Sixth Schedule to the said Finance Act, 2018.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on April 23, 2026, issued an amendment to the older notification no. 12/97-Customs (N.T.) dated April 02, 1997, of the Ministry of Finance related to ICD Bihta.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 22, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Premature redemption under Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for premature redemption due on April 23, 2026.
- The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN), on April 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding the introduction of the IMS Offline Tool.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 21, 2026, issued a notification regarding outreach on the New Income Tax Act, 2025.
- The Government of India (GoI) on March 19, 2026, issued the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, to further amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 2010.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 17, 2026, issued an amendment to the earlier anti-dumping notification on imports of certain flat-rolled aluminium products from China.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on April 30, 2026, issued the amendment to the older notification no. 36/2001-Customs (N.T.), dated August 03, 2001, related to the tariff values of palm oils.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 30, 2026, issued the amendments to multiple notifications of Anti-Dumping Duty.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 30, 2026, notified regarding the Final redemption under the Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) Scheme - Redemption Price for the final redemption of SGB 2018-19 Series-1 due on May 04, 2026.
- The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) on April 27, 2026, notified regarding the Drawback for re-export of duty-paid goods supplied by SEZ to DTA.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on April 27, 2026, issued the Reserve Bank of India (Local Area Banks -Miscellaneous) Amendment Directions, 2026, amending the 2025 Directions in exercise of powers under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The Department of Income Tax on April 24, 2026, issued a corrigendum to the notification no. G.S.R. 267(E). dated April 10, 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance (MoF) on April 24, 2026, issued a notification to amend notification no. 77/2023-Customs (N.T.) dated October 20, 2023, related to the revision of AIR of duty drawback of Gold jewellery and silver jewellery/articles

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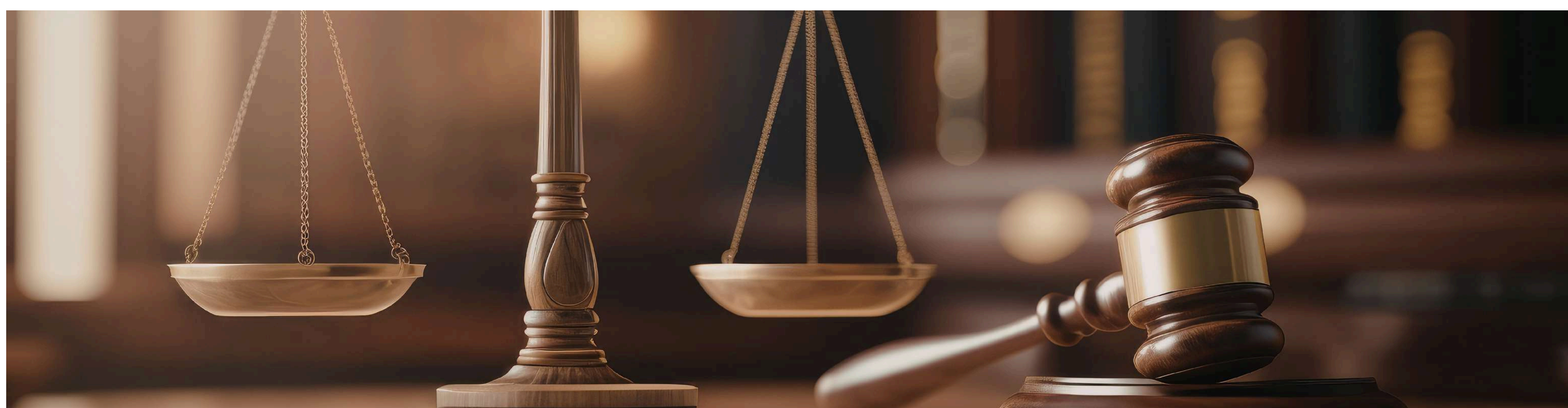
2 SECRETARIAL UPDATES

There were 257 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 01, 2026, issued circular on Margin Trading Compliance Certificate for half year ended March 31, 2026.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) has directed all Depository Participants (DPs), including Branch DPs, to mandatorily submit their tariff/charge structure every year through the 'easiest' login portal, in line with its earlier communiqué.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange of India Ltd. (MCX) on April 02, 2026, issued a circular regarding Unique Client Codes (UCCs) with Non-Verified KRA Status.
- The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited on April 02, 2026, issued circular on Payment of IFSCA Turnover Fees for the month of March 2026.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on April 02, 2026, issued a circular regarding Real-time Trade Acceptance- API.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 02, 2026, issued Consultation Paper for Public Comments: Re-introduction of Open Market Buy-Back of Shares or Other Specified Securities through Stock Exchange.
- The National E-Governance Services Ltd (NeSL) on April 02, 2026, issued a circular regarding SHCIL e-Stamping System Downtime.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), on April 8, 2026, through Press Release announced that the Committee on Framing Guidelines for Insolvency Proceedings in the Real Estate Sector has submitted its report to the Chairperson, Ravi Mital, on April 7, 2026. The Committee was constituted pursuant to directions of the Supreme Court of India in the case of Mansi Brar Fernandes v. Shubha Sharma & Ors., mandating the development of sector-specific insolvency guidelines in consultation with Real Estate Regulatory Authorities (RERAS).



- The India International Exchange (INX) on April 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding the extension of the timeline for submission of Fund Balance Confirmation as on March 31, 2026.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCXCCL) on April 09, 2026, issued a circular regarding a revision in Threshold Limits for Concentration Margin.
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX) on April 10, 2026, issued circular on Re-trigger of 2.5% E-ASM on Turmeric and Coriander Contracts till May 5, 2026.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL), on April 9, 2026, issued Circular specifying the Final Settlement Price (FSP) for Options on Futures contracts that expired on the same date. This is in accordance with earlier clearing and settlement procedures prescribed under Circular No. NCCL/CLEARING-033/2024.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on April 09, 2026, issued circular on NEAT Adapter - Capital Market, Futures & Options, Currency Derivatives & Commodity Derivatives Segments - New Version.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 09, 2026, issued a Master Circular for compliance with the provisions of the SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015, on non-compliance with the Minimum Public Shareholding (MPS) requirements.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding the release of BOLT Pro TWS Version 12.60.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on April 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding the submission / Dissemination of DP Tariff / Charge Structure to CDSL every year.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) on April 16, 2026, issued amendments to DP Operating Instructions Chapter - 2.
- The Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) on April 16, 2026, issued a notification regarding the submission of the Half-yearly Networth Certificate as on March 31, 2026.
- The India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited (INDIA INX) on April 17, 2026, notified regarding the Submission of Net Worth Certificate, Auditor's Report & Audited Annual Accounts for the financial year ended on March 31, 2026.
- The National Stock Exchange (NSE) on April 17, 2026, issued update on Enhancement in Market Timing at NSE IFSC.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 15, 2026, issued a notification regarding the submission of the Half-Yearly Internal Audit Report by Clearing Members.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 15, 2026, issued a circular introducing key relaxations under the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) framework to promote ease of fundraising and enhance participation by Not-for-Profit Organizations (NPOS)



- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 24, 2026, notified regarding the Update of the single-filing system through API-based integration between Stock Exchanges.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on April 23, 2026, notified regarding the Half Yearly Networth Certificate along with the computation of Networth as on March 31, 2026.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 24, 2026, notified regarding the Framework for net settlement of funds for transactions done by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) in the cash market.
- The National Commodity Clearing Limited (NCCL) on April 24, 2026, notified regarding the Settlement Price of Options on the Futures contract that expired on April 24, 2026.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on April 22, 2026, issued FAQs on the Companies Compliance Facilitation Scheme, 2026 (CCFS-2026).
- The Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) on April 22, 2026, issued circular regarding the Calendar Spread margin benefit for Single Stock Derivatives on expiry day.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 30, 2026, issued an introduction of Specialized Investment Funds (SIF) of Union India Mutual Fund on the BSE STAR MF Platform.
- The Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), on April 30, 2026, issued a communiqué informing Depository Participants (DPs) about the renewal of the Special Contingency Insurance Policy for Depository Services for a period of one year effective from March 31, 2026, covering risks associated with depository operations.
- The Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) on April 29, 2026, issued the Master circular for the Debt segment.
- India International Depository IFSC Limited (IIDI), pursuant to its circular dated March 23, 2026, has mandated all existing QJs/TRQS/QSS/TM-CM/SCCs and SCC Banks holding demat accounts with IIDI to open new demat accounts with a Depository Participant to ensure uninterrupted trading beyond June 30, 2026.
- The Multi-Commodity Exchange Clearing Corporation Limited (MCX) on April 29, 2026, notified regarding the Due Date Rates (DDR) of future contract expired on April 29, 2026.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Related Party Transaction (RPT) Regulations for Listed Companies.
- The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on April 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding the extension of the last date for receipt of public comments on the Discussion Papers.

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3 COMMERCIAL UPDATES

There were 76 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoC&I) on April 02, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on March 31, 2026, notified regarding the amendment to Paragraph 4.43 of the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023-One-time relaxation for the Gems and Jewellery Sector.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on March 27, 2026, issued a notification under Rule 15(1) of the BIS Rules, 2018, announcing the establishment of several revised Indian Standards effective March 25, 2026, covering engineering design and safety domains.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH), on March 20, 2026, issued a draft notification proposing amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, and invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders within 30 days. The draft aims to introduce a regulatory framework for vehicles powered by hydrogen fuels, reflecting advancements in clean mobility technologies.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on April 7, 2026, issued Public Notice No. 01/2026-27 amending Para 2.90 of the Handbook of Procedures (HBP), 2023 under the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023. The amendment has been made in exercise of powers under paragraphs 1.03 and 2.04 of the FTP, 2023.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 06, 2026, issued a notification regarding an amendment in Export Policy and Policy Condition of Wood Pellets (HS 44013100) and Wood Briquettes (HS 44013200) under Chapter 44 of ITC (HS) 2022, Schedule-2 (Export Policy).
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 30, 2026, issued the date of establishment and withdrawal of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 02, 2026, issued extension in Minimum Import Price (MIP) Condition of specific items covered under Chapter 48 of ITC HS, 2022, Schedule -I (Import Policy).



- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on March 19, 2026, issued the date of establishment of amendment of certain Indian Standards (IS).
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 16, 2026, notified the date of establishment and withdrawal of the Indian Standards related to Welding and Allied Processes.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 16, 2026, issued a circular regarding clarification on the eligibility of the new ECGC Whole Turnover Policy under Component II of the Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation (RELIEF) under Export Promotion Mission (EPM).
- The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) on April 15, 2026, issued a notification regarding the strengthening of the FASTag Data Accuracy.
- The Ministry of Commerce & Industry (MoCI), on April 15, 2026, released the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) data for March 2026 (Base Year 2011-12), indicating inflation trends across major commodity groups.
- The Lok Sabha on March 27, 2026, issued the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on April 10, 2026, issued Public Notice No. 02/2026-27, prescribing the procedure for allocation of import quantities of Calcined Petroleum Coke (CPC) and Raw Petroleum Coke (RPC) for FY 2026-27. This is in line with directions of the Commission for Air Quality Management and the Hon'ble Supreme Court regarding environmental controls on pet coke imports.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 20, 2026, issued date of establishment and withdrawal of the Societal Security and other Indian Standards.
- The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on April 15, 2026, issued the Draft Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Energy Audit and Energy Accounting in Electricity Distribution Companies) Regulations, 2026.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on April 13, 2026, notified the establishment of several new Indian Standards under Rule 15(1) of the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018. These standards primarily relate to areas such as artificial intelligence, medical instruments, electrical components, and process control systems, with dates of establishment being March 30, 2026.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 17, 2026, issued amendment in export policy of Baryte (Natural Barium Sulphate).
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on April 2026, issued a public notice amending Appendix 4B of the Handbook of Procedures, 2023 under the Foreign Trade Policy (FTP), 2023. The amendment updates the list of banks authorized by the Reserve Bank of India for import of precious metals.
- The Ministry of Steel (MOS) on April 27, 2026, notified regarding the QCO compliance exemption for Stainless steel flat (semi-finished and final) products.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on April 28, 2026, issued a notification regarding the date of establishment and the date till which the standard without the amendment shall remain in force for Particular Types of Winding Wires.
- The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), on April 23, 2026, issued a notification under the Bureau of Indian Standards Rules, 2018, announcing the establishment of new Indian Standards and the concurrent withdrawal of certain existing standards. These standards were formally established on April 21, 2026, with specified transition timelines for older versions where applicable.

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MoHI) on April 29, 2026, issued an amendment to PMP for the N2 and N3 categories of e-Trucks under the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) on April 27, 2026, issued the Draft Central Motor Vehicles (..... Amendment) Rules, 2026, further to amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
- The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), on April 27, 2026, issued a notification appointing May 1, 2026 as the effective date for enforcement of specific provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026 relating to the Legal Metrology Act, 2009.

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4 INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC UPDATES

There were 528 regulatory updates in this category

- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Measures to instill trust in securities market - Expanding the framework of Qualified Stock Brokers (QSBs) to more stock brokers.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), on March 30, 2026, issued a circular directing all affiliated schools to strictly maintain confidentiality and integrity of question papers during examinations. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on April 01, 2026, issued a notification amending the import policy for items covered under CTH 7113 (articles of jewellery) of ITC (HS) 2022, in exercise of powers under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 and Foreign Trade Policy, 2023.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), on April 01, 2026, issued a notification amending the import policy for items covered under CTH 7113 (articles of jewellery) of ITC (HS) 2022, in exercise of powers under the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 and Foreign Trade Policy, 2023.
- The Clearing Corporation of India (CCI) on April 02, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Forex Forward and Forex USDINR Options Segment.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on April 02, 2026, issued circular on Specification of Certification Course for KMPs and other employees of Capital Market Intermediaries under the IFSCA (Capital Market Intermediaries) Regulations, 2025.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation (MOCA) on April 01, 2026, issued a notification revising the limits of liability under the Carriage by Air Act, 1972, in line with updated limits prescribed by the international depository, to ensure alignment with global standards.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 07, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Periodic Call 30 Auction for Illiquid scrips.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 10, 2026, issued amendment to the Last date for submission of TRQ Application for India Mauritius CECPA and India Nepal Treaty notified under Appendix-2A of the FTP, 2023 for FY-2026-27.
- The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on April 07, 2026, issued the Amendments to Para 2.90 of Handbook of Procedures 2023.
- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW) on April 09, 2026, notified the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Fifth Amendment Order, 2026, further to amend the Fertiliser (Inorganic, Organic or Mixed) (Control) Order, 1985.
- The Ministry of Steel (MOS) on April 08, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Temporary Exemption from QCO Compliance for Select Imported Steel Products up to June 2026
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on April 07, 2026, issued the Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026, to further amend the Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026, to further € amend the Telecom Consumer Protection Regulation, 2009.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) on April 01, 2026, issued the Universalization of the Aadhaar-Based Payment (ABP) system.

- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on April 17, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Mock Trading on Saturday, April 18, 2026, for Commodity Derivatives segment.
- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on April 15, 2026, issued the Guidelines for Private Candidates (Third Chance Compartment).
- The Government of Maharashtra on April 15, 2026, issued the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2026 to further amend the Maharashtra Co-operative Societies Act, 1960.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on April 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the Obligatory Cession for the financial year 2026-27.
- The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) on February 18, 2026, issued the Operational Guidelines for Schematic Lending under Long Term Refinance for F.Y 2025-26 - State Cooperative Banks (StCBs).
- The Ministry of Communications (MoC) on April 16, 2026, notified regarding the revised standards for Telecommunication Equipment.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 15, 2026, issued an update in the Reserve Bank of India (Housing Finance Companies) Directions, 2025.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) on April 15, 2026, issued a notification regarding a reminder on compliance with campus safety measures.
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on April 10, 2026, issued the Draft Medical Devices (...Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Medical Devices Rules, 2017.
- The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), on April 22, 2026, issued a compliance notice mandating Cyber Security and Cyber Resilience Audits for trading members in alignment with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) CSCRF framework, prescribing audit scope, timelines, and submission requirements.
- The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), on April 15, 2026, issued a proposal to introduce a procedure for levying compensation charges for granting additional time to achieve project milestones under the Connectivity and General Network Access (GNA) Regulations, 2022, aiming to bring uniformity in handling such cases.
- The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) on April 24, 2026, issued a notification regarding strengthening the Capital Raising & Aircraft Leasing Framework at GIFT IFSC.
- The Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) on April 21, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Commencement of Futures Trading in MCX ICOMDEX Bullion Index (MCX BULLDEX®) August 2026 Contract.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on April 24, 2026, issued Draft Circular for Public Comments Ease of Doing Investment and Ease of Doing Business- Handling of Client's Unpaid Securities by Trading Members/Clearing Members.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) on April 22, 2026, notified the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Amendment Regulations, 2026 (UIN:2/2026), further to amend the University Grants Commission (Institutions Deemed to be Universities) Regulations, 2023.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on April 22, 2026, issued the Draft Master Direction on Prepaid Payment 980 Instruments (PPIs) 2026.
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) on April 21, 2026, issued the Central Motor Vehicles (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026 to further amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

- The Indian Clearing Corporation Limited (ICCL) on April 29, 2026, issued the Master Circular for the Commodity Derivatives Segment.
- The National Commodity & Derivatives Exchange Limited (NCDEX), on April 30, 2026, issued a circular announcing the launch of new Futures contracts effective May 04, 2026, and Options contracts effective May 05, 2026, in line with SEBI guidelines dated August 04, 2023 on commodity derivatives.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) on April 29, 2026, notified regarding the Addendum to UPI 80 Global Acceptance Limits and Country Code Enablement.
- The National Medical Commission (NMC) on April 23, 2026, issued a notification regarding Compliance instructions for NEET (UG) 2026 to the Medical Colleges.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on April 30, 2026, released data on lending and deposit rates of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), highlighting trends for March 2026 based on reported figures (excluding regional rural banks and small finance banks).
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) on April 29, 2026, notified regarding the Introduction of "Forestry" as a subject in the UGC National Eligibility Test.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), on April 28, 2026, launched Mission SAKSHAM (Sahkari Bank Kshamta Nirman), a nationwide capacity-building initiative aimed at strengthening the Urban Co-operative Banking (UCB) sector. The mission is designed as a comprehensive, mission-mode training programme to enhance the capabilities of UCBs across India.
- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on April 28, 2026, notified regarding the Extension of the last date to receive comments on the Draft Telecom Consumers Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

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5 EHS (ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND SAFETY) UPDATES

There were 49 regulatory updates in this category

- The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on March 25, 2026, notified regarding the Extension of the timeline for connectivity to the New OCEMS Portal of CPCB, in compliance with directions dated March 11, 2026, and March 16, 2026, issued under Section 18(1Xb) of the Air (Prevention & control of pollution) Act, 1981.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG) on March 29, 2026, issued a notification regarding temporary relaxation for the distribution of PDS Kerosene.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on March 27, 2026, issued the Draft Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026, further to amend the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice, on April 07, 2026, issued the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2026.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), on April 3, 2026, has issued a draft notification proposing the Tar-balls Management Rules, 2026 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on April 03, 2026, notified regarding the inspection outcomes, enforcement actions by the CAQM's Enforcement Task Force.
- The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) on March 18, 2026, notified regarding the complete ban on the export of Ammonium Nitrate (AN).
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG) on April 01, 2026, notified regarding the Government Order for Prioritization and Supply of LPG Production in Public Interest.
- The Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas (CAQM) on April 16, 2026, notified regarding the Implementation of actions under Stage I ('Poor' Air Quality' AQI: 201-300) of the extant schedule of GRAP in Delhi-NCR.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, on April 17, 2026, issued the Bio-Medical Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2026, to further amend the Bio-Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016.



- The Government of Himachal Pradesh on February 21, 2026, issued the Door-to-Door Garbage Collection and Disposal bye - laws 2026 of Special Area Development Authority Manikaran.
- The India Meteorological Department (IMD), on April 27, 2026, issued a heat wave and temperature status update highlighting prevailing high temperatures across India. Maximum temperatures ranged between 40°C and 46°C in most parts of the country, with the highest recorded at Banda, Uttar Pradesh (45.6°C). Many regions, including parts of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and southern states, experienced above to appreciably above normal temperatures, while relatively cooler conditions persisted in the western Himalayan region and parts of the northeast.
- The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, on April 27, 2026, notified the Gas Cylinders (Amendment) Rules, 2026 under the Explosives Act, 1884. The rules were finalized after publication of draft amendments in February 2026, with no objections or suggestions received from stakeholders.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), on April 23, 2026, has issued directions to all Access Service Providers regarding a change in the mapping of short code '1916' allocated to the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

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6 LABOUR UPDATES

There were 102 regulatory updates in this category

- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoLE) on March 03, 2026, issued the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers on base 2016 = 100.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD) on April 01, 2026, issued a notification regarding the SHe-Box Portal: Strengthening Workplace Safety & POSH Compliance.
- The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on March 27, 2026, notified regarding the deletion of item no. 2218 & 2219 from the Approved List under DG-ESIC Central Rate Contract No. 161.
- The Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) on March 30, 2026, issued the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026 to further amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.
- The Ministry of Labour & Employment (MoL&E) on March 30, 2026, issued an order regarding the revision of Central Minimum Wages and Variable Dearness Allowance effective from April 01, 2026.
- The Board of Practical Training, Eastern Region (BOPT(ER)), on April 2026, requires establishments registered on the NATS portal to submit a Letter of Consent confirming PAN India compliance under the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 2014. The letter serves as an undertaking by organizations that they are duly registered and will adhere to statutory apprenticeship obligations.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on April 02, 2026, vide Amendment 06/2026, has approved a revision in pack size for Item No. 52b (Nifedipine SR 20 mg - Calcigard Retard) under Rate Contract (RC) 166. The amendment has been issued at the request of Torrent Pharmaceuticals Limited.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 16, 2026, notified regarding the Declaration of Drug - Wax Softner Ear Drop "Not of Standard Quality" on Testing.



- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MOSDE) on March 25, 2026, issued notification regarding the Standardisation of Timelines and Process Flow for Apprenticeship Contract Signing, Advisor Verification and Payroll Creation on the Apprenticeship Portal.
- The University Grants Commission (UGC) on April 16, 2026, notified regarding the Guidelines on the "Prime Minister Internship Scheme [PMIS].
- The Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on April 13, 2026, issued a notification regarding the implementation of the New IT Act, 2025 - Transition from Form 15G/15H to Consolidated Form 121 for TDS-exempted Incomes.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on April 9, 2026, issued a circular regarding the updated state-wise list of notified and non-notified districts under ESIC 2.0 as on March 31, 2026.
- The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on April 13, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Press Release of Consumer Price Index on Base 2024=100 for March, 2026.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC), on April 06, 2026, modifying the "Description of Stores Accepted" for certain items under DG-ESIC Rate Contracts (RC-164 and RC-168).
- The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions on April 22, 2026, issued the All India Services (Implementation of National Pension System) Rules, 2026.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 22, 2026, issued a notification regarding Rate Contract Amendment & Correction.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 20, 2026, issued the notification regarding the Protocols to be followed by ROS/SROS/ESIC Hospitals/ESIC Medical and Dental Colleges during visits of Headquarters Officers.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA) on April 29, 2026, issued clarification on the Charge Structure of CRAs under the pension schemes regulated/administered by the PFRDA.
- The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) on April 27, 2026, issued the effective date for extending medical benefits in West Khasi Hills.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on April 23, 2026, notified regarding the enabling of Portal Features relating to Apprenticeship Engagement Cap 18% and Minimum Gap between Apprenticeship Trainings.
- The Government of Uttarakhand on April 22, 2026, has revised the Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) payable under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, for scheduled employments in the State. The revision is based on the All India Consumer Price Index (Base 2016=100), where the average index for January 2025 to June 2025 stands at 144.

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