

CIRCULAR

F. No. 939/IFSCA/FATF-C/PMLA/2023-24/02

8th September 2023

To

The Designated Directors/ Principal Officers All Regulated Entities GIFT-IFSC

Sub: <u>Guidance to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money</u> Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022.

Sir/Madam,

- A. Reference is drawn to the International Financial Services Centres Authority (Anti Money Laundering, Counter-Terrorist Financing and Know Your Customer) Guidelines, 2022 (hereinafter referred as 'Guidelines') issued vide notification IFSCA/2022-23/GN/GL001 dated October 28, 2022, by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (hereinafter referred as 'Authority'), to all Regulated Entities licensed, recognised, registered, or authorised by the Authority.
- B. Reference is also drawn to Rule 9(14) of Prevention of Money- Laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 and Section 12 of the International Financial Services Centres Authority Act, 2019.
- C. Further vide Gazette notification G.S.R. 625(E) dated 4th September 2023, amendments to the Prevention of Money-laundering (Maintenance of Records) Rules, 2005 (hereinafter referred as 'Rule'), were notified.



For the purpose of clarity for Regulated Entities the following guidance is being issued with respect to the above stated Gazette Notification G.S.R. 625(E) dated 4th September 2023:

S. No	Amendment	Guidance
1.	In the principal rule, in rule 2, after clause (f) the following proviso shall be inserted namely:-	Refer to Clause 8.2 (a) (c) & (f) of
	"Provided that such officer shall be an officer at the management	the Guidelines
	level	
2.	In the principal rule, in rule 9;-	Applicable and
	(A) in sub-rule (3), in clause (b);-	effective from
	(a) for the word "fifteen" the word "ten" shall be substituted;	September 04,
	(b) after the word "partnership", the words "or who exercises	2023
	control through other means" shall be inserted;	
	(c) after clause (b), the following Explanation shall be inserted,	
	namely: -	
	"Explanation - For the purpose of this clause, "Control" shall	
	include the right to control the management or policy decision;"	
3.	after sub-rule (10), the following proviso shall be inserted,	Applicable and
	namely: -	effective from
	"Provided that in case of a trust, the reporting entity shall ensure	September 04,
	that trustees disclose their status at the time of commencement of	2023
	an account based relationship or when carrying out transactions	
	as specified in clause (b) of sub-rule (1) rule 9."	
4.	(iii) In the principal rule, in rule 10, in sub-rule (3), in the	Applicable and
	Explanation, after the word "correspondence", the words "and	effective from
	result of any analysis undertaken under rule 3 and rule 9" shall be	September 04,
	inserted.	2023

- D. All other provisions specified in the Guidelines and circulars issued thereunder shall remain unchanged.
- $E. \quad Copy \quad of \quad the \quad circular \quad is \quad available \quad on \quad the \quad IFSCA \quad website \quad at \\ \quad \underline{https://ifsca.gov.in/Legal/Index/TCce8MyOmco=} \ .$

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