

# POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS

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# 1. <u>LEGAL FRAMEWORK:</u>

The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), vide its Notification dated September 2, 2015, has issued the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Listing Regulations"). The Listing Regulations are effective from December 1, 2015. Regulation 9 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 specifies that every listed entity shall have a policy for preservation of documents

# 2. OBJECTIVES:

- 2.1. The documents of the Company are important assets of the Company ("Document"). Preservation of Documents is an important requirement under various laws. The objective of this policy is to provide a binding framework for preservation of Documents maintained by the Company under various applicable laws including Listing Regulations.
- 2.2. The Policy provides that the Company shall maintain Documents permanently or for a specified period of time, as may be required or applicable. A Document may mean and include, but not limited to documents such as data, printed materials, books of accounts, forms, permits, registers, approvals, licenses, memorandums, contracts, minutes of statutory meetings, auditor's reports, employee records, strategic documents, intellectual property documents, title deeds, court/tribunal orders, tax returns/assessments, etc.

### 3. PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS:

Period and place of preservation: The documents shall be preserved in the manner as stated below:

S.	RECORD	TYPE OF DOCUMENTS	PERIOD OF
No.	CATEGORY		PRESERVATION
1.	Charter documents of the Company	<ol> <li>Documents evidencing registration</li> <li>Documents evidencing incorporation of the Company</li> <li>Documents evidencing change of name</li> <li>Constitutional document such as</li> </ol>	Permanently
		Memorandum and Articles of Association.	
2.	Other Secretarial records	<ol> <li>Statutory Registers</li> <li>Minutes book</li> <li>Original signed Financial Statements</li> <li>Annual Returns</li> <li>Register of Allotment</li> <li>Policies adopted by the Board of Directors</li> </ol>	Permanently
		<ul> <li>7. Notices and Agenda of the Board Meeting, Annual General Meeting, Extra Ordinary General Meeting</li> <li>8. Attendance Registers of meetings of the Board of Directors including any committee meetings</li> <li>9. declarations from Directors</li> </ul>	Eight financial years
3.	Offer Documents	Documents relating to issue and allotment of securities (including any	Permanently



		Prospectus, Letter of Offer, , etc.).	
4.	Scheme of arrangements	Court Orders relating to amalgamations, mergers, de-mergers or any other scheme of arrangement and approval of Central and State Governments.	Permanently
5.	Statutory filings	Filings made with:  1. Registrar of Companies 2. Stock exchange(s) 3. Reserve Bank of India 4. Other statutory authorities	Permanently
6.	Finance	Books of Accounts of the Company	Eight years after completion of the relevant financial year
7.	Business related documents	Contracts entered into by the Company from time to time	Permanently
8.	Legal	Documents relating to litigation involving the Company     Legal opinions	Eight years after the completion of legal proceedings Permanently
		<ul><li>3. Power of attorneys</li><li>4. Authority Letters</li><li>5. Orders, judgments and award of the any court, tribunal or other authorities</li></ul>	,
9.	Taxation	<ol> <li>Documents concerning tax assessment</li> <li>Tax filings</li> <li>Tax returns</li> <li>Proof of deductions</li> <li>Challans</li> <li>appeals preferred against any claim made by tax authorities</li> </ol>	For eight years or till completion of assessment, whichever is later
10.	HR Documents	Documents including records or documents relating to recruitment, employment and personnel information, remuneration, entitlements, performance review, action taken by or against any employee, complaints by or against any employee	Till the period of 1 (one) year after such employee has resigned from his employment with the Company] <sup>1</sup> .
11.	Property	<ol> <li>Documents relating to any property owned by the Company</li> <li>Documents concerning intellectual property rights, irrespective of whether owned by the Company. These documents shall include copyrights, trademarks, patents, and industrial designs</li> </ol>	Permanently
12.	Statutory approvals	Licenses obtained by the Company      Approvals, permissions, consents for carrying out any activity or business of the	Eight years from the date of expiry or termination of the license, [whichever is later] Permanently
13.	Miscellaneous	Company  Any other statutory documents not covered above	Eight financial years

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amended by the Board of Directors w.e.f. October 27, 2020. Prior to Amendment. it read as follows: "Till such time the person is in employment with the Company"



- 3.1. **Physical Documents:** All physical Documents shall be maintained and safely stored appropriately by the respective departments or in a common storage place, as may be decided by the Company from time to time.
- 3.2. **Electronic Documents:** All electronic Documents shall be preserved in accordance with the policy framed by the information technology department of the Company from time to time and in compliance with the applicable laws.
- 3.3. **Disposal of Documents:** The destruction and disposal of Documents shall be done in compliance with the applicable laws and the policy of the Company. All the Documents containing information of a confidential or sensitive nature on paper, card, or electronic media must be securely destroyed when they are no longer required.

# 4. POLICY ENFORCEMENT:

- 4.1. The Policy is effective with immediately effect
- 4.2. The employees of the Company shall strictly comply with this Policy. Each Head of the Function /department shall lay down internal process for preservation of Documents pertaining to the respective Function/department in compliance of this Policy.
- 4.3. If an employee has reasons to believe, or the Company informs the employee concerned, that Company Documents are relevant to litigation or potential litigation (i.e., a dispute that could result in litigation), then the employee must preserve those Documents until the Company determines that the Documents are no longer needed. This exception supersedes any previously or subsequently established destruction mechanism for those Documents
- 4.4. While minimum retention periods are suggested in regard to certain Documents, the retention of the Documents not included in the above schedule shall be determined by the Head of the Function/Department in compliance with any other policy/law that governs those documents.
- 4.5. The physical documents preserved may be converted, whenever required or felt necessary, into electronic form to ensure ease of maintenance of records and efficient utilization of space. Where a Document is maintained both in physical and electronic form, the authenticity with reference to the physical form should be considered for every purpose.

### 5. **GENERAL**:

- 5.1. Where the terms of this Policy differ from any existing or newly enacted law, rule, regulation, the law, rule, regulation will take precedence over this Policy from the effective date of such law, rule or regulation
- 5.2. For interpretation of this Policy, reference and reliance may be placed upon circulars/clarifications issued by the Ministry of the Corporate Affairs or Securities and Exchange Board of India and/or any other authority

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