

CIRCULAR

SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/P/CIR/2023/193

December 27, 2023

To

All Recognized Stock Exchanges

All Recognized Depositories

All Mutual Funds

All Asset Management Companies (AMCs)

All Trustee Companies/ Board of Trustees of Mutual Funds

Stock Brokers (Trading Members) through Recognized Stock Exchanges

Depository Participants through Depositories

All Registered Registrars to an Issue and Share Transfer Agents (RTAs)

All Listed Companies through Recognized Stock Exchanges

Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject: Extension of timelines for providing 'choice of nomination' in eligible demat accounts and mutual fund folios

1. SEBI, vide circular nos. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/CIR/2023/158 dated September 26, 2023 and SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-I POD1/P/CIR/2023/160 dated September 27, 2023, extended the last date for submission of 'choice of nomination' for demat accounts and mutual fund folios respectively to December 31, 2023.
2. Based on representations received from the market participants, for ease of compliance and investor convenience, it has been decided to extend the last date for submission of 'choice of nomination' for demat accounts and mutual fund folios to **June 30, 2024**.
3. Depository Participants, AMCs and RTAs shall encourage the demat account holders/ mutual fund unit holders to fulfil the requirement for nomination/opting out of nomination by sending a communication on fortnightly basis by way of emails and SMS to all such demat account holders/ mutual fund unit holders who are not in compliance with the requirement of nomination. The communication shall provide guidance to provide nomination or opting out of nomination.

4. Stock Exchanges, Depositories, AMCs, RTAs and Listed Companies are further advised to:
 - a) take necessary steps to implement the provisions of this circular, including making necessary amendment to the relevant bye-laws / business rules / regulations / operational instructions, as the case may be;
 - b) bring the provisions of this circular to the notice of their respective constituents and also disseminate this circular on their websites;
 - c) communicate to SEBI, the status of the implementation of the provisions of this circular; and
 - d) monitor the compliance of this circular.

5. All other provisions related to requirement of Nomination as provided in SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/IMD/IMD-PoD-1/P/CIR/2023/74 dated May 19, 2023 for Mutual Funds and SEBI Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/MRD/MRD-PoD-2/P/CIR/2023/166 dated October 06, 2023 for Depositories shall remain unchanged.

6. This circular is issued in exercise of powers conferred by Section 11(1) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, read with Section 19 of the Depositories Act, 1996 and Regulation 77 of SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996, to protect the interests of investors in securities and to promote the development of, and to regulate the securities market.

7. This circular is available on SEBI website at www.sebi.gov.in under the categories “Legal Framework -> Circulars”.

Yours faithfully,

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