# **REGULATIONS**

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#### CHAPTER - I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

#### 1.1 Books of Accounts, Records and Documents

Books of accounts, records and documents include books of accounts, records and documents which are required to be maintained manually, electronically or in any magnetic form under the regulatory framework prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 1.2 Notification, Notice or Communication etc.

- (1) Notification, notice or communication etc. refers to a communication that can be served at ordinary business address and/or at an ordinary place of residence and/or at the last known address of a member/Constituent in any one or more or all of the following ways:
  - (a) delivering it by post;
  - (b) sending it by Registered Post;
  - (c) sending it under Certificate of Posting;
  - (d) sending it by express delivery post / courier services;
  - (e) sending it by telegram;
  - (f) affixing it on the door at the last known business or residential address;
  - (g) oral communication to the party in the presence of a third person;
  - (h) advertising it at least once in any prominent daily newspaper;
  - (i) sending a message through the Trading System;
  - (j) sending a message through the Clearing System;
  - (k) an electronic mail or fax or any other electronic network.
  - (1) by hand delivery
- (2) Any communication sent by the Clearing Corporation to any party shall be deemed to have been properly delivered or served, even if such communication is returned to the Clearing Corporation as unclaimed/ refused/ undelivered, if the same is sent to the ordinary business address and/ or ordinary place of residence and/ or last known address of the party, in any one or more of the ways mentioned in clause (1) above.

## 1.3 Interpretation

Unless in the context it is explicitly stated otherwise, all words and expressions

used in these Regulations but not defined, and defined in the following, shall have the meanings respectively assigned to them therein:

- (1) The Securities Contract (Regulations) Act, 1956 and the Rules/Regulations made there-under
- (2) The Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 and the Regulations made there-under
- (3) The Depositories Act, 1996 and the Regulations framed there under
- (4) The Companies Act, 1956/the Companies Act, 2013
- (5) Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations of the Exchange
- (6) Rules and Bye-laws of the Clearing Corporation.

In case a term is defined in more than one of the above, then such term will derive its meaning from the statute (along with the Rules, Bye-laws and/or Regulations) provided prior in the order above, unless it is explicitly stated otherwise.

#### CHAPTER - II

#### **CLEARING SEGMENT**

## 2.1 Exchange

The Relevant Authority may from time to time admit the Deals in securities of any exchange as it may deem fit. Without prejudice to the above, the Deals emanating from the India International Exchange (IFSC) Limited shall be automatically admitted and shall be settled by the Clearing Corporation subject to such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 2.2 Categories of Clearing Members

The Relevant Authority may specify from time to time different categories of Clearing Members and shall prescribe such terms and conditions as it may deem fit in its sole and absolute discretion with regard to eligibility, admission and cessation for each such categories of Clearing Member. The following are some of the categories of Clearing Members.

- (a) Clearing Member: Clearing Member means such member which can clear and settle its own trades, trades of the Constituent if the Clearing Member is also Trading Member, and trades of other Trading Members with whom the Clearing Member is associated.
- (b) Self Clearing Member: Self Clearing Member means such member which can clear and settle its own trades and trades of the Constituent, if the Clearing Member is also a Trading Member.
- (c) Any other Clearing Member as prescribed by the Relevant Authority.

#### CHAPTER - III

#### **DEALS**

## 3.1 Deals, Transactions, Dealings and Contracts

For the purpose of these Regulations, the terms "Deals", "transactions", "dealings" and "contract/s" shall have one and the same meaning unless the context indicates otherwise.

#### 3.2 Kinds of Deals

Save as otherwise provided, Deals may be of the following kinds:

- (a) "Spot Delivery" i.e. delivery and payment on the same day as the date of the contract or on the next day;
- (b) "Hand Delivery" i.e. delivery and payment within the time or on the date stipulated when entering into the deal which time or date shall not be more than fourteen days following the date of the contract;
- (c) "Clearing" i.e. clearance and settlement in the manner prescribed in these Regulations;
- (d) "Special Delivery" i.e. delivery and payment within any time exceeding fourteen days but not exceeding two months following the date of the contract, unless extended by the Relevant Authority as provided in these Regulations.
- (e) Any other deal as specified by the Relevant Authority.

#### 3.3 Cleared and Non-Cleared Deals

Deals admitted on the clearing segment shall be distinguished as under:

- (a) Cleared Deals;
- (b) Non-Cleared Deals;
  - (i) Cleared Deals: Cleared Deals shall be such Deals which are specified as Cleared Deals by the Relevant Authority from time to time;
  - (ii) Non-Cleared Deals: All Deals which are not Cleared Deals, (as specified by the Relevant Authority) and such other Deals as may be specified to be Non Cleared Deals by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 3.4 Depository and Non-Depository Deals

- (a) Depository Deals are such Deals which are specified as Depository Deals by the Relevant Authority from time to time, in respect of which depository delivery is or is required to be effected.
- (b) Non Depository Deals are such Deals which are specified as Non Depository deal by the Relevant Authority from time to time, in respect of which non depository delivery is or is required to be effected.

## 3.5 Cleared Deals Deemed to be for Current Clearing

Unless otherwise permitted or stipulated by the Relevant Authority, whilst entering into any transaction or subject to any special stipulations that the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time, all Cleared Deals shall be deemed to be for the current Clearing.

#### 3.6 Non-Cleared Deals

Spot Delivery, Hand Delivery or Special Delivery may be treated as non Cleared Deals.

#### 3.7 Non-Cleared Deals Deemed to be for Hand Delivery

Unless otherwise stated by the Relevant Authority all hand delivery Deals shall be treated as non Cleared Deals, falling due for delivery and payment within the time or days or on the day prescribed in the concerned Regulation of these Regulations or within such time or days or on such other day as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof, provided that such time or days or day shall not be more than fourteen days following the date of the contract.

#### 3.8 Deals in Provisional Documents and Provisional Securities

Deals in provisional documents and provisional securities shall be made and settled in accordance with the directions of the Relevant Authority in each case.

## 3.9 Extension or Postponement of Contracts by the Relevant Authority

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, the Relevant Authority may for reasons to be recorded from time to time extend or postpone the time for performance of contracts in any deal or deals whenever in its opinion such action is called for in public interest or by just and equitable principles of trade or when circumstances beyond the control of either or both the contracting parties make such action desirable.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in these Regulations, the Relevant Authority may in its discretion extend or postpone in any particular case the time for the performance of a contract from any one clearing to the ensuing clearing.

## 3.10 Composition of Additional Capital and Margins

The Relevant Authority may from time to time specify the requirements of capital including collateral, margin and deposits for the Clearing Members of the Clearing Corporation.

#### **CHAPTER - IV**

#### SETTLEMENT OF DEALS

## 4.1 Settlement Regulations Form Part of Contracts

The Regulations from time to time in force relating to any procedure for clearance and settlement of Deals and the resolutions, notices, directions and decisions of the Relevant Authority for the time being in force shall be a part of the terms and conditions of every contract for all Deals including Cleared and Non Cleared Deals.

## 4.2 Contracts Subject to change in Settlement Procedure

The Relevant Authority may at any time through any convenient mode of communication in that behalf bring into effect in respect of any Cleared, Non Cleared, Non-Depository and Depository Deals any substitution of or any additions to, deletions from or variations, alterations or amendments in any settlement procedure or in any clearing process or in the time for settlement of the Deals or the forms prescribed therefor.

## 4.3 Reporting of Deals

Admitted Deals executed by Clearing Members shall be reported to the Clearing Corporation in such manner and form and within such time as may be prescribed from time to time by the Relevant Authority.

## 4.4 Settlement Obligations of Clearing Members

Clearing and Settlement of any or all Deals may be on a netted basis or gross basis or trade for trade basis or any other basis as may be specified by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

Obligations of Clearing Members arising therefrom for effecting delivery of securities and paying and receiving funds shall constitute the settlement obligations of the Clearing Member.

#### 4.5 Settlement Types

The Relevant Authority shall from time to time, categorize deals, basis, mode and/or manner of settlement of Deals into different Settlement types.

#### 4.6 Modes of Delivery

The Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe different modes of deliveries and the conditions which such deliveries may be subject to. Without prejudice to the generality of the above, the following modes of deliveries are specified as under:

## 4.6.1 Depository Delivery

Depository Delivery is delivery or receipts or giving or taking of securities through transfer of securities between accounts through the Depositories and shall be subject to such conditions as may be specified, from time to time, by the Relevant Authority.

## 4.6.2 Non Depository Delivery

Non Depository delivery is delivery or receipts or giving or taking of securities, documents, transfer deeds other than through the Depositories and shall be subject to such conditions as may be specified, from time to time, by the Relevant Authority.

#### 4.7 Settlement of Non Cleared Deals

Settlement obligations of all Non Cleared Deals shall be settled by delivery and payment between the contracting parties in accordance with the provisions in that behalf contained in the concerned Regulation or such other provisions as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe.

#### 4.8 Settlement of Deals for the Clearing

Settlement obligations of Non Depository Deals shall be settled through the Clearing Corporation and settlement obligations of the Depository Deals shall be settled through Depository Clearing System by such process or processes as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe. The Rules, Bye-laws and Regulations relating to the Clearing Corporation and the Depositories shall be deemed to form a part of any settlement process so prescribed.

#### 4.9 Change in Settlement Procedure

The Relevant Authority shall be entitled to order that any/all Non-Depository Deals entered into or to be entered into shall be settled by any suitable process through the Clearing Corporation instead of outside the Clearing Corporation and vice versa.

The Relevant Authority shall also be entitled to order any changes in the settlement procedure at any time that any/all Depository Deals entered into or to be entered into, shall be settled by any suitable process through the Depository clearing systems instead of outside the Depository clearing system and vice versa.

#### **CHAPTER - V**

#### SETTLEMENT OF NON CLEARED DEALS

#### 5.1 Scheduled Date and Time

The scheduled time and hour to be observed in connection with the clearing and settlement of Non-cleared Deals shall be as prescribed in the concerned Regulation or such other time and hour as the Relevant Authority may from time to time notify in that behalf.

#### 5.2 Delivery and Payment

For Non-Cleared Non Depository Deals, on the due date the selling member shall deliver to the buying member, at such place and at such time, in such manner and such delivery units as the Relevant Authority may notify from time to time of securities together with the necessary transfer deeds duly signed and witnessed and showing on the reverse the code and name of the member delivering the securities and the buying member shall pay for them on the same day or on such other day in such manner as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time.

For Non-Cleared Depository Deals, on the due date the selling member shall effect through the depository system delivery of the securities to the buying member of such securities or part thereof as the Relevant Authority may notify from time to time and the buying member shall pay for them on the same day or such other day and in such manner as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time.

## 5.3 Delivery in Part

The buying member shall accept securities contracted for, in part if tendered by delivering member.

#### 5.4 No Deduction from Purchase Price

The buying member receiving securities shall not be entitled to deduct from the purchase price any sum due to or any damages claimed by it from the selling member except as provided under these Regulations.

## 5.5 Payment

The buying member shall make payment to the selling member through the Clearing Bank or by cheque or such other mode as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 5.6 Closing Out by Buying-In / Close-Out

If the selling member fails to deliver the securities on the due date of the contract, the buying member shall be entitled to buy-in / close-out the same or the undelivered portion thereof as provided in the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

## 5.7 Closing Out by Selling-Out / Close-Out

If the buying members fail to take up or pay for the securities delivered on the due date of contract, the selling member shall be entitled to sell-out / close-out the same as provided in the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

#### **CHAPTER - VI**

#### PROCEDURE FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLEARED DEALS

#### 6.1 Clearing and Settlement Process

The Relevant Authority shall specify from time to time different process and procedures for clearing and settlement for any or all Clearing Members for any or all Cleared Deals.

## 6.2 Clearing Days and Scheduled Times

The Relevant Authority shall, from time to time, fix various clearing days, the pay-in and pay-out days and the scheduled time to be observed in connection with the clearing and settlement operations of any or all Cleared Deals. The Relevant Authority may specify from time to time different time schedules for any or all Clearing Members for clearing and settlement of any or all Cleared Deals.

## 6.3 Alteration of Clearing and Clearing Days and Times

The Relevant Authority may at any time and from time to time curtail, extend, alter or postpone the entire clearing or any or all clearing days in respect of any or all of the Cleared Deals.

#### 6.4 Delivery and Payment for the Clearing

#### 6.4.1 Delivery through the Clearing Corporation

Delivery in respect of settlement obligations of Non Depository Deals for the clearing shall be through the Clearing Corporation.

## 6.4.2 Delivery through the Depository Clearing System

Delivery in respect of settlement obligation of Depository Deals for the Clearing shall be through the Depository Clearing System.

#### 6.4.3 Payment through the Clearing Bank

Payment in respect of settlement obligations of Deals for the Clearing shall be through the Clearing Bank(s).

## 6.5 Delivery for Clearing when outside the Clearing Corporation

It shall be competent for the Relevant Authority to order that delivery and/or payment in respect of any/all Non Depository Deals entered into or to be entered into for the clearing shall be effected outside the Clearing Corporation by such process or processes as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 6.6 Delivery for Clearing Depository Deals when outside the Depository Clearing System

It shall be competent for the Relevant Authority to order that delivery and/or payment in respect of any/all Depository Deals entered into or to be entered into for the clearing shall be effected directly between the Clearing Members outside the Depository Clearing System by such process or processes as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 6.7 Clearing Forms

All Clearing forms shall be as prescribed in the concerned regulation or in such other form or forms as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe.

## **6.8** Settlement Obligations Statement

Clearing Corporation shall generate and provide to each Clearing Member, settlement obligation statements showing the different kinds of Deals for which deliveries are to be given and/or taken and the funds payable or receivable by such Clearing Member.

## **6.9** Delivery and Receipt Statements

Based on the obligation statements, the Clearing Corporation shall generate delivery statement and receipt statement for each Clearing Member. The delivery and receipt statement shall contain details of securities to be delivered to and received from other Clearing Members. The delivery and receipt statements shall be treated as confirmed orders by the Clearing Member to deliver and receive on its account securities as specified in the delivery and receipt statements.

#### 6.10 Delivery of Securities

#### 6.10.1 Non Depository Deals

On the pay-in day, Clearing Members shall deliver securities to the Clearing Corporation as per delivery statement in respect of Non Depository Deals. Each delivery shall be accompanied by the corresponding delivery slip. Delivery shall be in such lots as the Relevant Authority may notify from time to time together with the necessary transfer forms, duly filled in and showing on the reverse the code, clearing number and the name of the Clearing Member delivering the securities and such other details as may be required by the Clearing Corporation.

## **6.10.2** Depository Deals

In respect of Depository Deals, on the pay-in day, Clearing Members shall effect delivery in the Depository Clearing System as per delivery statement. Delivery shall be in such lots as the Relevant Authority may notify from time to time.

## 6.11 Mode of Funds Payment

Unless otherwise prescribed by the Relevant Authority, each Clearing Member shall have clear balance of funds in its clearing account to the extent required to debit its account and on pay-in day the Clearing Bank(s) shall debit a Clearing Member's clearing account to the extent of its funds obligation as per the instructions of the Clearing Corporation.

## 6.12 Receipt of Securities

#### **6.12.1** Non Depository Deals

Securities which are to be received by a Clearing Member shall be delivered to it by the Clearing Corporation in respect of Non Depository Deals on the respective pay-out day as per instructions of the Clearing Corporation. All securities due to a Clearing Member shall be normally delivered to it unless (a) the Clearing Member which is required to deliver the securities has not delivered the same on pay-in day as per final settlement obligations or (b) the full extent of funds obligation of the Clearing Member entitled to receive securities was not available with the Clearing Corporation's Clearing account for meeting its payment obligations on the pay-in day or (c) where it is otherwise ordered by the Relevant Authority. Clearing Member which takes delivery of securities from the Clearing Corporation shall sign a receipt thereof in the form attached to the Clearing Corporation's receipt statement.

## **6.12.2 Depository Deals**

In respect of Depository Deals, securities which are to be received by a Clearing Member shall be delivered to it in the Depository clearing system on the respective pay-out day as per instructions of the Clearing Corporation.

## 6.13 Receipt of Funds

Unless otherwise prescribed, on the pay-out day the Clearing Bank shall either credit the clearing account of the Clearing Member or make payments to Clearing Member as per the instructions of the Clearing Corporation. All funds due to a Clearing Member shall normally be credited to its account unless (a) the Clearing Member liable to deliver securities has not delivered securities on pay-in day or (b) the full extent of funds obligation of the Clearing Member was not available with the Clearing Corporation, or (c) where it is otherwise ordered by the Relevant Authority.

## 6.14 Notice of Delivery and Payment Outside Clearing Corporation In Respect of Cleared Securities for Non Depository Deals.

Whenever the Relevant Authority orders delivery and payment to be made outside the Clearing Corporation in respect of Cleared Non Depository Deals, a notice to that effect shall normally be sent to the Clearing Members at least a day before the pay-in day.

## 6.15 Notice of Delivery and Payment Outside Depository Clearing System In Respect of Cleared Securities for Depository Deals.

Whenever the Relevant Authority orders delivery and payment to be made outside the Depository Clearing System in respect of Cleared Depository Deals directly between Clearing Member, a notice to that effect shall normally be sent to the Clearing Members at least a day before the pay-in day.

### 6.16 Bankruptcy or Insolvency Of A Clearing Member During Clearing

If a bankruptcy proceeding is initiated against the Clearing Member or the Clearing Member is declared as bankrupt on or before the pay-in day and after the Clearing Corporation having determined the final obligation for that settlement, the procedure to be followed in clearing and settling the account of such member shall be the procedure prescribed for clearing and settling the account of a defaulter, provided that with the permission of the Relevant Authority the administrator may receive and deliver securities and make and receive payment on account of such bankrupt clearing member.

#### CHAPTER - VII

#### NON DEPOSITORY DELIVERY OF SECURITIES

## 7.1 Which Documents Constitute Good Delivery

The documents specified in the Relevant Regulation of these Regulations or such other documents as the Relevant Authority may from time to time specify in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof shall constitute good delivery when tendered in fulfillment of Deals to which these Regulations apply.

## 7.2 Certificates Accompanied by Transfer Deeds Good Delivery

Certificates accompanied with duly executed transfer deed shall constitute good delivery.

## 7.3 Allotment Letter When Good Delivery

## 7.3.1 Allotment letters duly discharged

Allotment letters shall be accepted in lieu of certificates provided such duly endorsed allotment letters accompanied with duly executed transfer deeds are in respect of securities which are fully paid up and where the allottee are duly discharged of their obligations in respect of securities for which such allotment letters are issued by the companies and provided such allotment letters are accepted by the company for registering transfers.

#### 7.3.2 Allotment receipts

Where allotment monies are called for in the allotment letters, such allotment letters shall be accompanied by properly discharged allotment receipts.

#### 7.3.3 When Allotment Letters cease to be good delivery

Unless otherwise directed by the Relevant Authority in any particular case, allotment letters shall continue to be good delivery till the certificates are issued by the Company.

## 7.4 Split And Transfer Receipts When Good Delivery

Split receipts issued by the Clearing Corporation and by companies and proper transfer or transmission receipts issued by companies complying with such conditions as the Relevant Authority may from time to time determine and duly discharged where necessary shall be accepted in lieu of certificates as good delivery for such period from the date of issue as the Relevant Authority may from time to time fix and notify in that behalf.

#### 7.5 Certified Transfers

## 7.5.1 When good delivery

Certified transfers shall constitute good delivery when so directed by the Relevant Authority.

#### 7.5.2 Mode of certification

The certification on the transfer deed may be made by the Clearing Corporation or by the company concerned. It shall state the distinctive numbers of the securities covered by the transfer deed and it shall also state in clear and definite terms that the certificate relating to such securities has been forwarded to or lodged with the Company. Transfer deeds containing conditional certification are not good delivery.

#### 7.5.3 Date of certification

All certified transfer deeds shall bear the date of certification.

#### 7.5.4 Particulars to be filled in transfers

For obtaining certification on the transfer deeds, such deeds should contain full name and address of the transferor as also the distinctive numbers of the securities proposed to be transferred. If such details are not mentioned in the transfer deeds, then such deeds shall not be considered as good delivery.

**7.5.5** In all other cases, not covered under 7.2 to 7.5.4 above, good & bad delivery guidelines issued by SEBI/Clearing Corporation from time to time shall apply.

## 7.6 Delivery Units

#### 7.6.1 Delivery in prescribed units

Unless otherwise directed or stipulated by the Relevant Authority when entering into a deal, one certificate for the exact amount of the delivery unit or two or more certificates making up in the aggregate the delivery units or where the deal is for an odd lot, certificates making up in the aggregate the odd lot, may be delivered in settlement of Deals but the transfer deeds delivered shall be for the exact amount of the delivery units and where the deal is for an odd lot for the exact amount of the odd lot or, smaller amounts making up in the aggregate the odd lot.

## 7.6.2 Certified transfers, Split receipts and Allotment letters to be in Delivery unit

The provisions relating to delivery units contained as above shall also apply to certified transfers, split receipts issued by the Clearing Corporation, split or transfer or transmission receipts issued by companies and allotment letters delivered in settlement of contracts as provided in these Regulations.

#### 7.7 Renewal Fees for Securities

It shall be the obligation of the transferor of the securities to pay the charges payable to the company for issuing a new certificate in lieu of an old one where such old certificate is worn out or incapable of carrying further endorsements.

## 7.8 Transfer Stamp and Registration Fees

Unless otherwise directed by the Relevant Authority, transfer stamp duties payable to Government and fees charged by companies for registering transfers of securities and known as transfer fees shall be paid by the buyer; however where transfer deeds have been given in lots other than the prescribed lots, the extra stamp duty, transfer fees and consolidation charges to be paid as a result thereof shall be paid by the seller to the buyer.

## 7.9 Delivery in Part

The receiving member shall accept such portion of the securities as may be in order provided it is in lots of delivery unit and may buy-in / close-out the undelivered portion in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

## 7.10 Closing Out on Refusal to Accept Delivery

In the event of receiving member not accepting documents duly tendered by the seller in performance of its part of the deal, then the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to sellout / close-out the same against such receiving member in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

## CHAPTER - VIII

#### **DEPOSITORY DELIVERY**

## 8.1 Delivery Units

Depository delivery shall be in such units as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time. In case where the deal is for an odd lot, the delivery shall be for the exact quantity of odd lot or for lesser quantity making up in the aggregate the odd lot.

## **8.2** Transfer Duties and Charges

Unless otherwise directed by the Relevant Authority, transfer duties and charges payable, if any, to Government and fees charged by companies for registering transfers of securities, if any, shall be paid by the buyer.

## 8.3 Delivery in Part

The receiving member shall accept such portion of the securities as may be in order provided it is in lots of delivery unit and may buy-in / close-out the undelivered portion in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

## 8.4 Closing Out on Refusal to Accept Delivery

When deliveries in performance of a deal are not accepted by the receiving member, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to sell-out / close-out the same against it in accordance with the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

#### CHAPTER - IX

#### NON DELIVERY AND NON PAYMENT

## 9.1 Notice of Non-Delivery and Non-Payment

Each Clearing Member shall send to the Clearing Corporation for Depository Deals and Non Depository Deals on the pay-in day an intimation of non delivery in respect of each failure to deliver securities and a notice to the Clearing Corporation of non-payment in respect of failure to pay any or all of the funds which are due to be paid in such forms as may be prescribed in this regard by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 9.2 Non-Delivery and Non-Payment by Members.

It shall be the responsibility of the Clearing Member, in the event of non performance of any obligation or part thereof, to the Clearing Corporation for Depository Deals or Non Depository Deals, to identify the relative deal(s), to which the non-performance or part performance relates.

#### 9.3 Failure to Deliver

Without prejudice to the provisions contained elsewhere in this regard, if a Clearing Member fails to deliver on the pay-in day the securities deliverable by the Member, the Clearing Corporation shall be, without further notice or intimation to the Member, entitled to withhold all funds/payouts due to the Member and/or to debit the account of the Member by an amount equivalent to the securities not delivered valued at such valuation price as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time in this regard.

#### 9.4 Buying-In / Close-Out on Failure to Deliver

If a Clearing Member fails to deliver on the pay-in day the securities deliverable by the Member, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to buy-in / close-out such securities in accordance with the Bye Laws and the Regulations relating to buying-in / closing-out.

## 9.5 Securities on Hold or Selling-Out/Close-Out on Failure to Pay

If a Clearing Member fails to pay on the pay-in day for the securities to be received by it, the Clearing Corporation shall be, without further notice or intimation to the Member, entitled to withhold the securities due to the Member or sell-out / close-out any/all of such securities in accordance with the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

## 9.6 Declaration of Default

A Clearing Member failing to deliver the documents due from it or pay the amount due by it may be declared a Defaulter as provided in these Bye Laws and Regulations.

#### 9.7 Deliveries Due to the Defaulter

All deliveries or otherwise, and payment due to the defaulter shall be handed over to the Clearing Corporation. The Clearing Corporation shall reserve the right to dispose off the securities to make good non-payment of funds or non-delivery of securities by the defaulting member in such manner as it deems necessary.

## 9.8 Penalty for Failure to Give or Take Delivery

The Relevant Authority may impose on the Clearing Member failing to give or take delivery of all or any of the securities and/or funds according to its obligation, such penalty and other charges as it may prescribe from time to time. Such penalty and other charges shall be in addition to any loss such Clearing Member may suffer on account of closing-out and shall be in addition to the commission chargeable from such Clearing Member in that behalf.

## 9.9 Withholding of Securities and Funds

Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, irrespective of whether the Deals are Depository Deals or Non-depository Deals, the Relevant Authority may withhold, for such period(s) as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time, payout of any securities and any funds including securities and funds constituting margins and other deposits, if (a) the Clearing Member has not delivered the required securities on pay-in day or (b) there are no adequate funds in the Clearing Corporation Clearing Account of such Clearing Member to meet the funds pay-in obligation on the pay-in day or (c) the Clearing Member fails to satisfy the margin requirements or (d) the Clearing Member fails to fulfill any other obligation or (e) as the Relevant Authority deems fit in the facts and circumstances of a case or (f) pursuant to direction passed by any other concerned authority.

## 9.10 Withholding of Securities for Shortages

The Relevant Authority may withhold the securities pay-out due to the Clearing Member and/or withdraw its clearing facility in case of any pay-in shortages by the Clearing Member for such amount as the Relevant Authority may deem fit.

The Relevant Authority may, on recovery of such shortages as it may deem fit, release the security pay-out and/or restore the clearing facility and permit the Clearing Member to clear and settle the Deal subject to such terms and conditions as the Relevant Authority may impose.

## 9.11 Withheld Securities and Funds - How Dealt With

The securities and funds withheld pursuant to Regulation 9.9 and Regulation 9.10 above shall be dealt with by the Relevant Authority at such times and in such manner as it may deem fit, which may include appropriating the withheld funds for the purpose of fulfilling the obligations of the Clearing Member, closing out of the withheld securities or registering the withheld securities in the name of the Clearing Corporation or any other entity as decided by the Clearing Corporation.

The funds received out of closing out of withheld or registered securities may be dealt with by the Clearing Corporation at such time and in such manner as it may deem fit.

#### CHAPTER - X

#### CLOSING OUT OF CONTRACTS

## 10.1 Closing-Out

#### 10.1.1 Closing-out when effected

Any deal made subject to the Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations of the Clearing Corporation may be closed-out against a Clearing Member on its failure to comply with any of the provisions relating to delivery, payment and settlement of Deals or on any failure to fulfill the terms and conditions subject to which the deal has been made.

For the purpose of this Chapter, a Clearing Member which has failed to comply with any of the provisions relating to delivery, payment and settlement of Deals or any failure to fulfill the terms and conditions subject to which the deal has been made shall be referred to as "Clearing Member in default".

#### 10.1.2 Closing-out in specific cases

Without prejudice to the generality of the provision contained as above, closingout may be effected in cases specified in the relevant Regulations or in such other cases as the Relevant Authority may from time to time specify in addition thereto or in modification thereof.

#### 10.2 Closing Out Of Deals Settled Outside Clearing Corporation

## 10.2.1 Application for closing-out

A Clearing Member shall be entitled to make an application to the Clearing Corporation for closing-out of Non Depository Deals agreed to be settled outside the Clearing Corporation against the Clearing Member in default within such time from the date of default as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time, failing which the Clearing Member shall forfeit all further right of recourse against the defaulter Clearing Member unless such Clearing Member proves that it has not exercised its right on the written request of the other defaulting Clearing Member.

#### 10.3 Closing Out Of Deals Settled Outside Depository Clearing System.

### 10.3.1 Application for closing-out

A Clearing Member shall be entitled to make an application to the Clearing Corporation for closing-out of Depository Deals agreed to be settled outside the Depository Clearing System against the Clearing Member in default within such time from the date of default as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time, failing which the Clearing Member shall forfeit all further right of recourse against the other Clearing Member unless such Clearing Member proves that it has not exercised its right on the written request of the Clearing Member in default.

## 10.4 Closing-Out For Deals Settled Through The Clearing Corporation

#### **10.4.1 Clearing Corporation Entitled**

In respect of Deals settled through the Clearing Corporation, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to closing out against the Clearing Member in default for the benefit of the receiving / delivering Clearing Member or itself as the case may be. In such cases no notice of closing out shall be given to the Clearing Member against whom the closing out is to be effected.

## 10.4.2 Closing-out without notice

Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained as above closingout without notice may be effected in cases specified in the relevant Regulation and in other cases as the Relevant Authority may from time to time specify or deem necessary in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof.

## 10.5 Closing Out For Deals Settled Through The Depository Clearing System

## 10.5.1 Clearing Corporation entitled

In respect of Deals settled through the Depository Clearing System, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to closing out against the Clearing Member in default for the benefit of the receiving/delivering Clearing Member or itself as the case may be. In such cases, no notice of closing-out shall be given to the Clearing Member against whom the closing-out is to be effected.

## 10.5.2 Closing-out without notice

Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions contained as above, closingout without notice may be effected in cases specified in the relevant Regulation and in other cases as the Relevant Authority may from time to time specify or deem necessary in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof.

## 10.6 Closing-Out Contracts With Defaulter Clearing Member

If a Clearing Member be declared a defaulter, the Clearing Corporation shall determine all outstanding Deals by closing-out against it in accordance with the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to default.

## 10.7 Closing-Out Contracts With Bankrupt/Insolvent Clearing Member

On receipt of intimation of bankruptcy proceedings or if the Clearing Member is declared bankrupt, then the Clearing Corporation may close out all outstanding positions of such Clearing Member in the manner as it may deem fit.

## 10.8 Compliance before Closing-Out

If the Clearing Member against whom closing-out is to be effected tenders compliance in accordance with the provisions of the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to delivery, payment and settlement of settlement obligations and Deals or the terms and conditions subject to which the deal has been made at any time before the Deals have been actually

closed out, the Relevant Authority may accept the same in fulfillment of its obligations. This will not relieve the Clearing Member in default of the obligation to pay any resulting damages and other penalties, interest and charges imposed by the Clearing Corporation on such defaulter.

## 10.9 Closing-Out How Effected

Closing out shall be effected against the Clearing Member by the Clearing Corporation in any of the following manners:

- (a) by Buying-in / Close-out or Selling-out / Close-out against the Clearing Member through an auction initiated by the Clearing Corporation
- (b) by declaring a closing-out at such prices as may be decided by the Relevant Authority
- (c) by Buying-in / Close-out or Selling-out / Close-out against the Clearing Member by placing order in the Exchange
- (d) in any other manner as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time.

#### 10.10 Bids and Offers

Unless permitted otherwise by the Relevant Authority, Clearing Members other than those against whom the closing-out is effected may make a bid or offer during such closing-out. The Relevant Authority shall be at liberty at its discretion to refuse any bid or offer given without assigning any reason for its decision.

#### 10.11 Closing-Out Clearing Member's Responsibility

Save as otherwise provided, the Clearing Member against whom the closing out is effected by the Clearing Corporation for the purpose of closing-out shall be responsible for the deal made and no liability or responsibility shall attach to the Clearing Corporation, its employees, agents or representatives for any deal made in pursuance of such closing-out.

## 10.12 Securities When Not Bought-In

When the Relevant Authority is satisfied that in spite of the best efforts the securities cannot be bought-in or sold-out except at an arbitrary price the Deals shall be deemed to be closed-out at such price as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time. In the event of the Relevant Authority not deciding the price, the Deals shall be deemed to be closed-out at a price which is not less than the highest price touched at any time in the preceding six months. This price shall be paid to the Clearing Member entitled to the security to be bought-in.

## 10.13 Deferment by The Relevant Authority

The Relevant Authority may defer closing-out in any particular case if in its opinion a fair market to close-out is not available or if it is satisfied that the securities are out of the control of the seller for payment of calls, receipt of interest, dividends, bonus, rights or if it determines that the default is due to the existence of circumstances beyond the control

of the Seller. However, no such deferment shall relieve the Clearing Member in default of the obligation to pay for any resulting damages or free the intermediate parties of their respective obligations.

## 10.14 Suspension or Postponement of Closing-Out

The Relevant Authority may suspend or postpone closing out in respect of any Deals and from time to time extend or postpone the period of such suspension or postponement when circumstances appear in its view to make such suspension or postponement desirable in the general interest. The liability of intermediaries in respect of Deals in such securities settled through the Clearing Corporation or Depository Clearing System, as the case may be, shall continue during the period of such suspension or postponement.

#### 10.15 Securities Bought-In but Undelivered

If securities are bought-in but not delivered as per the schedule for Buying-in / Close-out, it will be deemed as if the Buying-in / Close-out did not go through and the Deals shall be deemed to be closed-out at such price as the Relevant Authority may decide from time to time. In the event of the Relevant Authority not deciding the price, the Deals shall be deemed to be closed-out at a price which is not less than the highest price touched at any time in the preceding six months. This price shall be paid to the Clearing Member entitled to the security to be bought-in.

#### 10.16 Closing-Out against Defaulter

When closing-out is effected as provided above and the Clearing Member concerned is declared a Defaulter, the difference arising from closing-out shall be recovered from the said Clearing Member or shall be distributed in accordance with the Bye-Laws and Regulations relating to default.

## 10.17 Charges for Closing-Out

When closing-out is effected on the advice of the Clearing Corporation, the Clearing Member against whom the closing-out takes place shall pay to the Clearing Corporation such closing out charges as the Relevant Authority may prescribe from time to time.

#### 10.18 Loss Arising from Closing-Out

When closing-out is effected on the advice of the Clearing Corporation against a Clearing Member failing to give or take delivery of all or any of the securities or funds according to its obligation, the resulting difference (between the money value of securities at the valuation price and the closing out price) due from such Clearing Member shall be paid by it forthwith to the Clearing Corporation.

## 10.19 Profit Arising from Closing-Out

When closing-out is effected on the advice of the Clearing Corporation against a Clearing Member failing to give or take delivery of all or any of the securities or funds according to its obligation, any profit (between the money value of securities at the valuation price and the closing out price) shall be credited to the account of the Settlement Guarantee Fund and such other funds as may be set up by the Relevant Authority from time to time

to be held by the Clearing Corporation for such purposes as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority.

## 10.20 Default if Closing-Out Loss and Damage not Paid

If any Clearing Member, against whom a deal is closed-out under the provisions of these Regulations, fails to make payment of the loss arising out of the closing-out and of the damages, if any, within such time as may be stipulated by the Relevant Authority from time to time, he may be declared a defaulter.

## 10.21 Closing-out in Case of Bankruptcy

A Clearing Member may close-out all open transactions on account of a Constituent who becomes bankrupt or insolvent or makes or attempts to make a composition with his/its creditors or with any of them or who shall have given any admission or intimation or indication of the fact that he/it will be unable to fulfill his/its obligations.

#### CHAPTER - XI

## INTEREST, DIVIDENDS, RIGHTS AND CALL

#### 11.1 Interest, Dividends, and Rights

The buyer shall be entitled to receive all vouchers, coupons, dividends, cash bonus, bonus issues, rights and other privileges which may pertain to securities bought cum voucher, cum coupons, cum dividend, cum cash bonus, cum bonus, cum rights, etc. and the seller shall be entitled to receive all vouchers, coupons, dividends, cash bonus, bonus issues, rights and other privileges which may pertain to securities sold ex coupon, ex voucher, ex dividend, or ex cash bonus, ex bonus, ex rights, etc.

#### 11.2 Cleared Deals When Cum and Ex Benefits

Cleared Deals, whether Depository Deals or Non Depository Deals, shall be ex-dividend or ex-cash bonus or ex bonus or ex rights from such date as the Relevant Authority may fix and notify in that behalf.

#### 11.3 Cum and Ex Dividend or Cash Bonus

## 11.3.1 Delay when information not available

If information regarding the dividend or cash bonus is not available with the Clearing Corporation for treating any security as ex dividend or ex cash bonus as provided above, all cleared Deals shall be treated as ex-dividend or ex cash bonus from the date when the declaration of dividend or cash bonus is known to the Clearing Corporation.

#### 11.3.2 When Deals cease to be ex dividend or ex cash bonus

On receipt of official intimation by the Clearing Corporation as regards cancellation of dividend or cash bonus or alteration in the rate of the dividend or bonus shares, all Deals thereafter shall be entered into as if such security had not become ex dividend or ex cash bonus.

## 11.3.3 Deduction from cum dividend or cum cash bonus purchase price

In respect of a cum dividend or cum cash bonus transaction if the securities are delivered by the Clearing Corporation or by the Depository Clearing System, as the case may be, in less than such number of days as the Relevant Authority may fix from time to time before the record date or date of closure of the Transfer Books for the purpose of dividend or cash bonus, the Clearing Corporation may debit the account of the Member selling/delivering the securities to the extent of the dividend or cash bonus recommended or declared to which the member buying/receiving the securities is entitled and correspondingly credit the account of the buying/receiving member. When the quantum of dividend or cash bonus is not known to the Clearing Corporation, the Clearing Corporation may provisionally deduct from the purchase price such amount as the Relevant Authority may fix and notify the member selling/delivering the securities in that behalf.

## 11.3.4 Clearing Members responsible for adjustment in respect of cum dividend or cum cash bonus Deals

If securities (in respect of which the amount of dividend or cash bonus has been deducted from the cum dividend or cum cash bonus price by the Clearing Corporation), are lodged for registration with the company or transferred to the account of the buyer in the depository(ies), as the case may be, before the record date or date of closure of the transfer books of the company for the purpose of dividend or cash bonus or if the actual dividend differs from the amount deducted from the cum dividend or cum cash bonus purchase price, the dividend or cash bonus or the differences, (as the case may be), shall be immediately adjusted between the buyer and the seller and the concerned Clearing Member/s shall be personally responsible between themselves and to their constituents for effecting such adjustment.

#### 11.3.5 Claim within three months

All claims in respect of vouchers, coupons, interest, dividend, or cash bonus shall be made within three months from the date of payment of the interest, dividend or cash bonus and adjusted as provided herein and members shall not be personally responsible between themselves or to their constituents thereafter.

## 11.4 Cum Rights or Cum Bonus Purchase Price

#### 11.4.1 Deduction from cum rights or cum bonus purchase price

In the case of Cleared Deals in respect of a cum bonus or cum rights transaction when the securities are delivered to the member buying/receiving such securities by the Clearing Corporation or by the Depository Clearing System, as the case may be, in less than such number of days as the Relevant Authority may fix from time to time before the record date or date of closure of the transfer books for the purpose of bonus issue or rights, the Clearing Corporation may debit the account of the member selling/delivering the securities by an amount equivalent to the proportionate value of the bonus issue or rights to which it is entitled or such other amount as the Relevant Authority may fix and notify the member selling/delivering the securities in that behalf and retain the same as a deposit with the Clearing Bank.

## 11.4.2 Payment of deposit

The amount retained as a deposit with the Clearing Bank representing the balance due as provided above shall be paid to the member selling / delivering the securities when it delivers the bonus issue or rights at any time on or before the date fixed by the Relevant Authority for the purpose.

## 11.4.3 Buying-in / Close-out

If the member selling / delivering the securities fails to deliver the bonus issue or rights within the prescribed time the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to buy-in / close-out against it in accordance with the Regulations relating to closing-out and adjust so much amount as may be required, from the deposits,

margins and other amounts deposited by it with the Clearing Corporation for fulfilling its obligations arising out of buying-in/close-out.

## 11.5 Letters of Bonus / Rights / Entitlements

Bonus issues and rights shall be settled either by delivery of securities or by letters of renunciation, (when such letters are issued by the company), when proper letters of renunciation are delivered or tendered to the member buying/receiving the securities on or before such day as the Relevant Authority may fix from time to time preceding the date fixed for receipt of applications by the Company or before such other date as the Relevant Authority may fix and notify in that behalf the member selling/delivering the securities shall be relieved of further liability in respect of such bonus issues or rights. A Clearing Member shall not be bound to accept letters of renunciation not tendered within the prescribed time.

## 11.6 Non-Delivery of Bonus / Rights / Entitlements.

If the settlement of claims to bonus issues or rights be not made either by delivery of securities or by letters of renunciation, as the case may be, by reason of the failure of the member selling/delivering the securities to deliver such securities / letters within the prescribed time, the member selling/delivering the securities shall be responsible for obtaining the bonus issues or rights and the Member buying/receiving the securities shall not be under any obligation to pay for the rights in advance. The member selling/delivering the securities shall also be responsible to the member buying/receiving the securities for the extra expense of transfer, if any.

## 11.7 Rights Entitlement

#### 11.7.1 Application for rights

In respect of a cum rights transaction, when the buyer is entitled to the new securities issued in respect of old, the member buying/receiving the securities shall, unless otherwise ordered by the Relevant Authority specially, claim them in writing from the member selling/delivering the securities on or before such day as the Relevant Authority may fix from time to time preceding the date fixed for the receipt of applications by the company.

#### 11.7.2 Selling/delivering member's liability and duty

Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulation 11.7.1 above, in respect of Non Depository Deals if the Seller is in possession of the new securities, he shall hold such new securities for and on behalf of the Buyer if claimed by the Buyer on the date following the last day fixed for the receipt of applications by the company. Should the seller not be in possession of new securities he shall be bound to render every assistance to the buyer in procuring them.

#### 11.8 When No Letters of Renunciation

### 11.8.1 Payment in respect of rights

When letters of renunciation are not issued, all payments as and when required by the company in respect of rights are to be advanced to the seller by the buyer.

## 11.8.2 Selling/delivering constituent trustee for the buying/receiving constituent

The amount in respect of rights shall be paid by the buyer to the seller in sufficient time for the amount to be paid to the company and the buyer may demand a receipt for the same. In such cases, Clearing Members shall not be personally responsible and the selling/delivering constituent shall be deemed to be the trustee for the buying / receiving constituent in respect of such payments.

## 11.8.3 Buying / receiving member to bear transfer expenses

When letters of renunciation are not issued by the company, the expense of transferring the rights to the name of the buyer shall be borne by the buyer.

## 11.9 Rights and Obligations of Buying Member and Selling Member

## 11.9.1 Clearing Member when liable for dividend or rights

In respect of cum dividend, cum cash bonus or cum rights Deals Clearing Members shall be personally responsible for the dividend, cash bonus, bonus issue or rights on the securities only when such securities are delivered to the member buying the securities by the Clearing Corporation in less than such number of days as the Relevant Authority may fix from time to time before the record date or date of closure of the transfer books for the purpose of dividend, cash bonus, bonus issue or rights.

## 11.9.2 Rights and obligations of buying and selling constituents and transferors

Clearing Member shall not be liable between themselves or to their constituents for dividend, cash bonus, bonus issue or rights save as provided in sub-regulation above. However, nothing contained in the above sub-regulation shall affect the rights and obligations of the buying and selling constituents (which terms shall where the buying members and/or selling members have dealt on their own account as principals include them in their capacity as clearing members) between themselves as principals or the liability of the transferors in respect of such dividend, cash bonus, bonus issue or rights.

## 11.10 Payments Of Calls By Buying Constituent

The buying constituent shall pay every call or contribution which becomes payable after delivery of securities. However he shall not be obliged to pay such call or contribution if the company refuses to register the transfer on account of lien. In any other case if the buying constituent fails to make such payment and the selling constituent is compelled to pay the same, the selling constituent shall be entitled to claim and recover the same from the buying constituent notwithstanding the refusal of the directors of the Company to transfer the securities in favour of the buying constituent.

#### 11.11 Member Not Liable For Calls

Save as provided in these Regulations no Clearing Member shall be deemed personally liable or responsible in any way to any party for the payment of calls made by a Company

in respect of any deal made by it on behalf of a constituent and in its capacity as Clearing Member.

## 11.12 Company In Liquidation

If a Company be wound up at the date of the contract or between the date of the contract and the due date of delivery, the buyer shall nevertheless pay to the seller the purchase money and the seller shall be entitled to recover from the buyer any contribution or call required to be paid even though the liquidator refuses to consent to transfer. If the buyer or his/its nominee cannot get the securities transferred to his/its name the seller shall if required to do so by the buyer and at the buyer's cost arrange for the assignment of the transferor's title to and the rights in the securities to the buyer or his nominee and for the execution of an irrevocable Power of Attorney in favour of the buyer or his/its nominee to enable him/it to recover any return of capital and dividend becoming payable after the date of the contract in respect of the securities bought.

## 11.13 Delivery of Equivalent Securities

In respect of a deal in securities which shall become or are exchangeable for new other securities under a scheme of reconstruction or reorganisation, the member selling the securities shall deliver to the member buying the securities as the Relevant Authority directs either the securities contracted for or the equivalent in securities and/or cash and/or other property receivable under such scheme of reconstruction or reorganisation.

#### CHAPTER - XII

#### DOCUMENTS AND REGISTRATION

#### 12.1 Documents when Defective

For purpose of these Regulations documents shall be deemed defective if there is a defect in their title, ownership, genuineness, regularity or validity or if they are under any lien on account of any debt or liability of the transferor or if they are subject to any attachment or injunction or other legal proceedings or order of Court or other statutory authority for which the seller may be held responsible and the defect shall be deemed to be removed when the title is cleared and/or the ownership, genuineness and validity of the documents is established and/or the irregularity rectified and/or the documents released from lien, attachment, injunction or other legal proceedings or order of Court or other statutory authority.

#### 12.2 When Member Liable For Defective Securities

#### 12.2.1 Original selling Member

In respect of securities delivered in fulfillment of Deals to which these Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations apply, the original selling member is the Clearing Member who is the first to deliver defective document to the Clearing Corporation.

## 12.2.2 Original Selling Member when liable

In respect of securities delivered in fulfillment of Deals to which these Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations apply, the original selling member who receives payment against delivery of defective documents shall be personally responsible to the buyer to whom the same are delivered or any subsequent buyer provided one of the following conditions is fulfilled, namely:

- (i) the documents are lodged with the company for registration at any time before:
  - (a) the date on which the register of members of the company is closed following the date on which the documents are delivered by the Clearing Corporation on the original selling member's behalf, or
  - (b) twelve months from the date of presentation of the share transfer form to the prescribed authority, whichever is later, and the buyer or any subsequent buyer gives intimation in writing to the original selling member as per the procedure prescribed by the Relevant Authority that the Company has refused to register the transfer on the ground that the documents were defective;
- (ii) the buyer or any subsequent buyer gives intimation in writing to the original selling member at any time before:

- (a) the date on which the register of members of the Company is closed following the date on which the documents are delivered by the Clearing Corporation on the original selling member's behalf, or
- (b) twelve months from the date of presentation of the share transfer form to the prescribed authority, whichever is later and establishes to the satisfaction of the Dispute Resolution Committee (from whose decision an appeal shall lie to the Committee on Settlement Issues) that the documents are defective.

#### 12.2.3 Subsequent selling member when liable

In respect of securities delivered in fulfillment of Deals to which these Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations apply, if the original selling member who is responsible for defective documents as provided in Regulation above fails to meet its liability, any of the subsequent selling members acting as a broker, receiving payment against delivery of such documents shall be personally responsible to the buyer to whom the same are delivered or any subsequent buyer provided one of the following two conditions is fulfilled namely:

- (a) the documents are lodged with the company for registration on or before the twenty first day after the date on which the documents are delivered by the Clearing Corporation on behalf of such subsequent selling member or should the transfer books of the company be closed on such twenty first day, the documents are lodged for registration on or before the second working day after the date on which the transfer books reopen and the buyer or any subsequent buyer gives intimation in writing to such subsequent selling member as soon as it comes to its knowledge that the company refuses to register the transfer on the ground that the documents are defective; or
- (b) the buyer or any subsequent buyer gives intimation in writing to such subsequent selling member within twenty one days of the date on which the documents are delivered by such subsequent selling member or by the Clearing Corporation on such subsequent selling member's behalf

#### 12.3 Members When Not Liable

## 12.3.1 For defective documents

If the documents be not lodged within the prescribed period or if intimation in writing that the documents are defective be not given by the buyer to the original and subsequent selling members as provided in these Regulations, then except in the case of fraud or bad faith on their part, such selling members shall not be personally liable for the defective documents either to the buying members or to the constituents of the buying members and the liability of such selling members to the buyers as also the liability of the buying members to their constituents shall cease in all respects.

#### 12.3.2 For benefits

If the documents be not lodged at any time prior to the first record date or date of closure of the transfer books of the company for the purpose of interest, dividend, bonus, rights or any other benefit accruing to the shareholders or for the purpose of Annual General Meeting of the Company by the buyer, the original member selling the securities shall not be personally liable to either, the member buying the securities or to the constituents of the member buying such securities for the interest, dividend, bonus, rights or other benefit declared by the company and for the income-tax deduction certificates, if any, in respect of the interest, dividend or cash bonus or for the equivalent in cash of the amount of income-tax, if any, deducted at source.

## 12.4 Liability in the Event of Unforeseen Circumstances

In circumstances not specially covered by these Bye-Laws and Regulations, the Relevant Authority may determine the liability of the parties on equitable considerations.

## 12.5 Rights and Liabilities of Buying/Receiving and Selling/Delivering Constituents

Nothing contained in these Regulations shall affect the rights and obligations of the buying/receiving and selling/delivering constituents (which terms shall when the buying/receiving members and/or selling/delivering members have dealt on their own account as principals include such member between themselves as principals) in any action at law or in any other proceedings and the buying/receiving and selling/delivering members shall be bound to render every assistance to the buying/receiving constituents in any action at law or other proceedings they may take against the selling/delivering constituents who receive payment against delivery of the defective document.

## 12.6 Liability of Selling/Delivering Constituents to Selling/Delivering Members

The selling/delivering constituents who receive payment against delivery of defective documents shall be liable for the same in all respects and when selling/delivering members are personally responsible for such documents under the provisions of these Regulations, they shall be fully indemnified by such constituent as agents acting on behalf of principals.

## 12.7 Rectification or Replacement of Defective Documents

#### 12.7.1 Procedures for rectification / replacement

The Relevant Authority may prescribe from time to time the schedules and procedures to be followed for rectification/replacement of defective documents and any interests, dividend, bonus, rights or any other benefit accruing to the shareholders of the company.

#### 12.7.2 Period for rectification or replacement

The selling/delivering member responsible for the defective documents shall within twenty one days from the date or within such time as may be prescribed, upon receipt of such intimation remove the defect or in the alternative deliver to the Clearing Corporation other regular, genuine, and valid documents in their place;

Provided however that the Relevant Authority may, in its discretion and subject to such conditions as it deems fit to impose from time to time, enlarge the aforesaid period of twenty one days in special circumstances and in particular in the following manner:

- (a) when the documents are suspected or alleged to be forged or reported or alleged to be stolen or have passed into police custody for purposes of investigation, the time may be enlarged till the fact that the documents are forged or stolen property is conclusively established to the satisfaction of the Relevant Authority or proved in a Court of Law;
- (b) when an attachment, injunction or similar other order of Court or other statutory authority has been served on the issuer of the security restraining it from transferring the documents, the time may be enlarged till an application for setting aside such order has been finally rejected by the proper authority, when the security is, pursuant to some special law, ostensibly placed under any disability not applicable to all other securities of the same issue and the documents are not transferred on the ground of such ostensible disability or when the issuer of the security or the agent of such issuer of the security declines for any reason peculiar to that security as compared with other securities of the same issue to transfer the documents, the time may be enlarged till the legal issue is decided by the appropriate authority.

In such and similar cases when the time is enlarged, the selling/delivering member shall be bound to comply with such conditions as the Relevant Authority may impose and shall also place such amount, (if any,) in deposit with the Clearing Corporation as the Relevant Authority on the application of the buyer or of its own accord directs.

#### 12.7.3 Refund of moneys

If the selling/delivering member responsible for the defective documents fails to remove the defect or in the alternative to deliver to the Clearing Corporation (or buyer as the case may be) other regular, genuine and valid documents in their place as provided above, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to debit from the selling/delivering member the value of the defective documents at the closing price of that day or at such price as the Relevant Authority or delegated authority may decide from time to time and credit the same to the receiving member.

#### 12.7.4 Documents to be returned and power of attorney to be executed on refund

When claiming the refund, the buyer shall return to the selling/delivering member the defective documents if they have not been impounded and shall procure for the selling/delivering member and at the selling/delivering member's expense an irrevocable power of attorney executed by the transferee in favour of the selling/delivering member or its nominee entitling the selling/delivering member or its nominee to institute any suit or legal proceedings on behalf and in the name of the transferee and to litigate the dispute and to have the objection to the title or documents cleared and to obtain the return of the documents in question if they have not been already returned to it and also to sign and execute all transfer deeds and other writings and do all such other acts and things as may be necessary for effectively transferring the documents to the selling/delivering member or its

nominee if they be subsequently registered by the issuer of the security in the name of the transferee.

#### 12.7.5 Rectification or replacement after refund

A refund of monies relating to defective documents shall not operate as cancellation of the deal. The selling/delivering member shall within such period from the date of such debit as may be decided from time to time by the Relevant Authority either remove the defect or in alternative deliver to the Clearing Corporation (or buyer as the case may be) other regular, genuine such rectified or substitute documents in fulfillment of the original deal and the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to debit the buying/receiving member the moneys refunded and credit the selling/delivering member by the same.

#### 12.8 Responsibility of Selling/Delivering Member For Dividend, Bonus And Rights.

If the selling/delivering member fails to rectify or replace the defective documents and deliver them to the buyer through the Clearing Corporation at least five days before the record date or date of closure of the transfer books of the Company for the purpose of interest, dividend, bonus, rights or any other benefit accruing to the shareholders of the company, the selling/delivering member shall be responsible to the buyer for the interest, dividend, bonus, rights or other benefit declared by the company and for the income-tax deduction certificates, if any, in respect of the interest, dividend or cash bonus or for the equivalent in cash of the amount of income-tax, if any, deducted at source. The selling/delivering member shall also be responsible to the buyer for the extra expense of transfer, if any.

## 12.9 Buying-In / Close-Out

If the selling/delivering member fails to make refund of monies or to remove the defect or replace the defective documents within the prescribed period, the Clearing Corporation shall be entitled to buy-in / close-out the securities against it in accordance with the Regulations relating to closing-out.

#### 12.10 Apportionment of Loss and Damages

If the selling/delivering member responsible for the defective documents fails to refund the moneys and/or to hand over the interest, dividend, bonus, rights or other benefit declared by the company and the income-tax deduction certificate, if any, or the equivalent in cash of amount of income tax, if any, deducted at source and/or to pay the damages, if any, arising from Buying-in / Close-out as provided in these Regulations, it shall be liable to be declared a defaulter. In the event of the defective documents having passed through the Clearing Corporation, the Clearing Corporation shall assess such loss and damages pro-rata against the original contracting parties with whom such defaulter had outstanding sale transactions in such securities as shown in its clearing forms. Each such party shall pay the amount of loss and damages to the buyer on receipt of notice of the amount of such assessment. If a contracting party fails to pay his/its share of the prorata loss and damages, it shall be declared a defaulter and thereupon the procedure to be followed shall be the same as if it were the selling/delivering member who has been declared a defaulter. This procedure shall be repeated as many times as may be necessary in relation to each succeeding party in interest until the loss and damages are fully recovered.

#### 12.11 Sale not Conditional on Transfer

A sale of securities by the seller will neither guarantee the transfer thereof by the company in favour of the buyer nor is the same conditional on the company transferring the securities to the name of the buyer. Whilst selling/delivering the securities, the sole obligation of the seller will be to tender documents which are not defective. The seller does not give any guarantee that the company will transfer the securities to the name of the buyer nor shall he incur any liability by reason of the refusal of the company to do so.

# 12.12 Fresh Transfer on Refusal Of Company

When a company objects to a transferee and refuses to register a transfer on the ground of such objection, the transferor shall, on request and on the original transfer deeds being presented to him/it for cancellation of his/its signature, execute fresh transfer deeds.

## 12.13 Dispute after Registration

When a transfer has been accepted by the company and the certificate or an official receipt in the form of a transfer receipt or transmission receipt or such other receipt in favour of the transferee has been issued by the company, neither the buyer member nor the selling/delivering member shall be personally responsible to the buying/receiving constituent or the transferee for any subsequent dispute as to the title, ownership, genuineness, regularity and validity of the documents unless bad faith or fraud be proved against such member. However, nothing herein contained shall affect the liability of the transferor or of the selling/delivering constituent who has received payment against delivery of securities in any action at law or in any other proceedings. The provisions herein shall apply only to the rights and obligations of the Clearing Members.

## 12.14 Penalty for Defective Documents

The Relevant Authority may impose on an original selling/delivering member and subsequent selling/delivering members responsible for the defective documents such penalty and other charges as it may prescribe from time to time in this regard. Such penalty and other charges shall be in addition to any loss such member may suffer on account of closing-out and shall be in addition to the commission chargeable in that behalf.

#### CHAPTER - XIII

#### CLEARING BANK

# 13.1 Clearing Corporation to Regulate

The Relevant Authority shall specify from time to time the processes, procedures and operations that every Clearing Member shall be required to follow for the participation, functioning and operations of the Clearing Banks. The Regulations relating to the Clearing Banks shall be deemed to form a part of any settlement process so provided.

## 13.2 Functions of Clearing Bank

The Clearing Corporation shall appoint a Clearing Bank(s) which shall act as an agent for funds settlement, for the collection of margin money for all Deals entered into through the Clearing Corporation and any other funds movement between Clearing Members and the Clearing Corporation and between Clearing Member to Clearing Member as may be directed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 13.3 Clearing Members to have Account with the Clearing Bank

Every Clearing Member of the Clearing Corporation shall have clearing account(s) with designated Clearing Bank branch(es) as the Clearing Corporation may specify from time to time. Clearing Members shall operate the clearing account(s) only for the purpose of settlement of Deals entered through the Clearing Corporation, for the payment of margin money and for any other purpose as may be specified by the Relevant Authority from time to time. The Clearing Member shall not operate the clearing account(s) for any other purpose unless otherwise specified by the Relevant Authority.

#### 13.4 Clearing Bank to Act as per the Instructions of The Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall instruct the Clearing Bank as to the debits and credits to be carried out for the funds settlement between Clearing Members.

The Clearing Bank shall act as per the instructions received from the Clearing Corporation for the funds movement. Instructions of the Clearing Corporation as to debits and credits to a Clearing Member's accounts shall be deemed to be irrevocable and confirmed instructions by a Clearing Member to debit its account and/or credit its account funds as specified in the instruction.

# 13.5 Clearing Bank to Inform Clearing Corporation of Default in Funds Settlement.

If there is any funds default arising out of the instructions received from the Clearing Corporation, the Clearing Bank shall inform the Clearing Corporation immediately.

#### 13.6 Members to Authorise Clearing Bank.

Clearing Members shall authorise the Clearing Bank to access their clearing account for debiting and crediting their accounts as per the instructions received from the Clearing Corporation and to report balances and other credit information to the Clearing Corporation.

# 13.7 Clearing Account(s) of Clearing Corporation in The Clearing Bank

Unless otherwise prescribed in respect of any Deals as may be specified by the Relevant Authority, no Clearing Member or any person claiming through it shall have or be deemed to have any right, title or interest in any monies in the Clearing Account or other account(s), as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe, of the Clearing Corporation with the Clearing Bank.

The Relevant Authority may specify from time to time the Deals in respect of which, all sums of monies paid into the Clearing Account or other account(s) of the Clearing Corporation on account of any Clearing Member entitled thereto, shall be held by the Clearing Corporation as agents and in trust for such Clearing Member. In such cases, the making of such payment or credit entry shall be deemed and taken to be a payment or credit to such clearing member.

#### CHAPTER - XIV

# DEPOSITORY CLEARING SYSTEM

# 14.1 Clearing Corporation to Regulate

The Relevant Authority shall prescribe the process from time to time for the functioning and operations of the depository clearing system and to regulate the functioning and operations of the depository clearing system for the settlement of depository Deals.

The Relevant Authority shall specify from time to time the processes, procedures, and operations that every Clearing Member shall be required to follow for the participation, functioning and operations of the depository clearing system.

The Regulations relating to the depository clearing system shall be deemed to form a part of any settlement process so provided.

# 14.2 Clearance by Members only

Clearing Members only shall be entitled to clear and settle Deals through the depository clearing system.

# 14.3 Functions of Depository Clearing System

#### 14.3.1 Depository

The Clearing Corporation shall specify depository(ies) through which depository delivery shall be effected and which shall act as agents for settlement of depository Deals, for collection of margins by way of securities for all Deals entered into through the Clearing Corporation, for any other securities movement and transfer in a depository(ies) between Clearing Member to Clearing Member as may be directed by the Relevant Authority from time to time and for any other purpose as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time.

## 14.3.2 Depository Participants

The Clearing Corporation may specify depository participants with whom Clearing Members shall be required to open and operate accounts for settlement of depository Deals, for the collection of margins by way of securities for all Deals entered into through the Clearing Corporation and for any other securities movement and transfer in a depository(ies) between Clearing Members and the Clearing Corporation and between Clearing Member to Clearing Member as may be directed by the Relevant Authority from time to time and for any other purpose as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time.

## 14.3.3 Clearing and other Accounts

The Clearing Corporation shall specify from time to time clearing and other accounts which Clearing Member/s shall be required to open and operate with depository(ies) and depository participants subject to such conditions as the Relevant Authority may prescribe from time to time.

# 14.4 Specified Depository

The Clearing Corporation may specify the depository that shall provide depository services to its Clearing Member in IFSC and notify the same from time to time.

# 14.5 Clearing Members to have Accounts with a Depository Participant

Every Clearing Member shall have clearing accounts in the Specified Depositories through any of the depository participants. Clearing Members shall operate the clearing account only for the purpose of settlement of depository Deals entered through the Clearing Corporation, for the collection of margins by way of securities for Deals entered into through the Clearing Corporation and for any other purpose as the Relevant Authority may specify from time to time. The Clearing Member shall not operate the clearing account for any other purpose.

# 14.6 Specified Depository to act as per the Instructions of The Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall instruct the Specified Depository/ies as to the debits and credits to be carried out for the settlement of Depository Deals between Clearing Member/s. The Specified Depository/ies shall act as per the instructions received from the Clearing Corporation for effecting account transfers in respect of settlement of depository Deals. Instructions of the Clearing Corporation as to debits and credits to a Clearing Member's accounts shall be deemed to be irrevocable and confirmed instructions by a Clearing Member to debit and/or credit its account as specified in the instruction.

## 14.7 Release of Intermediaries

In respect of Deals which are subject to depository clearing system, if a Clearing Member delivers securities outside the depository clearing system except when so provided in these Regulations or so directed by the Relevant Authority, making and accepting delivery of such securities shall release all intermediate parties from all liabilities. The deliverer shall alone remain responsible to the receiver.

# 14.8 Authority to Pledge

The Relevant Authority shall have the right to borrow money against and pledge of all or any part of the securities held by the Clearing Corporation for the account of any Member who fails to pay all or part of funds due to the Clearing Corporation.

# 14.9 Selling-Out / Close-out

The securities not taken up and paid for shall be sold-out by the Clearing Corporation in accordance with the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to closing-out.

#### 14.10 Members to Authorise Depository Participants

Clearing Members shall authorise the Specified Depositories and depository participants with whom they have a clearing account to access their clearing account for blocking/earmarking balances, debiting and crediting their accounts as per instructions

received from the Clearing Corporation and to report balances and other credit information to the Clearing Corporation.

# 14.11 Clearing Account(s) Of Clearing Corporation With The Specified Depositories

Unless otherwise prescribed in respect of any Deals as may be specified by the Relevant Authority, no Clearing Member or any person claiming through it shall have or be deemed to have any right, title or interest in any securities in the Clearing Account or other account/(s), as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe, of the Clearing Corporation with the Specified Depositories.

The Relevant Authority may specify from time to time the Deals in respect of which all securities deposited into the Clearing Account or other account/(s), as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe, of the Clearing Corporation on account of any Clearing Member entitled thereto, shall be held by the Clearing Corporation as agents and in trust for such clearing member. In such cases, transfer of accounts of securities through depositories shall be deemed and taken to be a transfer of accounts of securities to such Clearing Member.

#### 14.12 Notices and Directions

All Clearing Members shall comply with the instructions, resolutions, orders, notices, directions and decisions of the Relevant Authority or of any person duly authorized by the Relevant Authority in that behalf on all matters connected with the operations of the depository clearing system.

# 14.13 Clearing Number, ID and Clearing forms

A Clearing Member shall be allotted an identification number as relevant to the Specified Depositories which must appear on all forms used by the Clearing Member connected with the operations of the depository clearing system.

# 14.14 Clearing Corporation to Deliver Securities at Discretion

The Clearing Corporation is entitled at its discretion to deliver through the depository clearing system securities received from a Clearing Member under these Regulations to another Clearing Member who is entitled under these Regulations to receive delivery of securities of a like kind or to instruct a Clearing Member to give direct delivery of securities which he has to deliver through the depository system.

# 14.15 Charges for Clearing

The Relevant Authority shall from time to time prescribe the scale of clearing charges for the clearance and settlement of transactions through the depository clearing system.

# 14.16 Clearing Corporation's Bills

The Clearing Corporation shall periodically render bills for the charges, fees, fines and other dues payable by Clearing Members to the depository system which would also include the charges, fines and other dues payable on account of the business cleared and settled through the depository clearing system and debit the amount payable by such

members to their accounts. All such bills shall be paid within a week of the date on which they are rendered.

# 14.17 Liability of The Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall not be deemed to guarantee the title, ownership, genuineness, regularity or validity of any security, transfer deed or any other document passing through the Depository Clearing System and the only obligation of the Clearing Corporation in this matter shall be to facilitate the delivery and payment in respect of securities between Clearing Member.

No liability shall attach either to the Clearing Corporation or to the Relevant Authority, any member of the Relevant Authority or its employees, agents or representatives by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by the depository clearing system in the course of its operations.

#### **CHAPTER - XV**

#### CLEARING CORPORATION

#### 15.1 Regulation of Clearing Corporation

The Relevant Authority shall prescribe the process from time to time for the functioning and operations of the Clearing Corporation and to regulate the functioning and operations of the Clearing Corporation for the settlement of non depository Deals.

The Regulations relating to the Clearing Corporation shall be deemed to form a part of any settlement process so provided.

# 15.2 Functions of Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall function as per the instructions and supervision of the Relevant Authority or such other authority as may be specified from time to time.

# 15.2.1 Clearing Corporation to Maintain Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall act as the common agent of the Clearing Members for delivering securities to and receiving securities from such members in connection with any of the Deals and to do all things necessary or proper for carrying out the foregoing purposes.

# 15.2.2 Clearing Corporation to deliver Securities at discretion

Subject to the above, the Clearing Corporation is entitled at its discretion to deliver securities which it has received from a Clearing Member under these Regulations to another Clearing Member which is entitled under these Regulations to receive delivery of securities of a like kind or to instruct a Clearing Member to give direct delivery of securities which it has to deliver.

#### 15.3 Release of Intermediaries

If a Clearing Member delivers securities outside the Clearing Corporation except when so provided in these Regulations or so directed by the Relevant Authority making and accepting such delivery shall release all intermediate parties from all liabilities. The deliverer shall alone remain responsible to the receiver.

#### 15.4 Authority to Pledge

The Relevant Authority shall have the right to borrow money against and pledge all or any part of the securities held by the Clearing Corporation for the account of any member who fails to pay all or part of funds to be paid on the pay-in day.

# 15.5 Selling-Out / Close-Out

The securities not taken up and paid for shall be sold-out by the Clearing Corporation in accordance with the Bye Laws and Regulations relating to closing out.

# 15.6 Clearing Assistants for The Clearing Corporation

A Clearing Member may nominate two or more clearing assistants as may be specified by the Relevant Authority from time to time, who shall be competent to sign on behalf of such clearing member all clearing forms, vouchers, claim notes, receipts and other documents and transact on its behalf all such business as is necessary to be transacted in all matters connected with the operations of the Clearing Corporation. Each clearing assistant shall be issued an Identity Card which shall be displayed by him/it on his/its person during his/its presence at the Clearing Corporation premises.

# 15.7 Attendance at Clearing Corporation

A Clearing Member who has to give or take delivery of securities, transfer deed or any other documents or to make or accept payments shall either attend personally the premises of the Clearing Corporation or be represented by its clearing assistant at the proper time and no Clearing Member shall be entitled to demand delivery of securities, transfer deeds or any other documents outside the Clearing Corporation unless other-wise permitted by the Relevant Authority.

# 15.8 Specimen Signatures

A Clearing Member shall file with the Clearing Corporation specimen of its own signature and of the signatures of its clearing assistants. The specimen signature card shall be signed by the Clearing Member and its authorised representative in the presence of an officer of the Clearing Corporation.

# 15.9 Comparison with specimen signatures when necessary

When handing over securities, the Clearing Corporation shall compare the signature appearing on the acknowledgment receipt with the specimen signature in its possession. In case of any other documents, the Clearing Corporation may, however not be obliged to compare the signatures appearing thereon with the specimen signature. The Clearing Corporation shall not incur any liability either by reason of having done or omitted to do so.

# 15.10 Clearing Corporation's Split and Balance Receipts

The Clearing Corporation's split and balance receipts shall be in the form prescribed in the concerned Regulation or in such other form or forms as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof.

#### **CHAPTER - XVI**

#### PROVISIONS REGARDING CLEARING CORPORATION

#### 16.1 Clearance by Members Only

Clearing Members only shall be entitled to clear and settle Deals through the Clearing Corporation.

#### 16.2 Notices and Directions

All Clearing Members shall comply with all the instructions, resolutions, orders, notices, directions and decisions of the Relevant Authority or of any person/s or entity duly authorized by the Relevant Authority for the said purposes, for and in connection with any and all matters with regard to the operations of the Clearing Corporation.

# 16.3 False or Misleading Statements

The Relevant Authority may take such disciplinary action as it may deem fit and proper against a Clearing Member who/which makes any false or misleading statement in the clearing forms required to be submitted in conformity with these Regulations or any resolutions, orders, notices, directions and decisions of the Relevant Authority thereunder.

## 16.4 Charges for Clearing

The Relevant Authority shall from time to time prescribe the scale of clearing charges for the clearance and settlement of transactions through the Clearing Corporation.

## 16.5 Clearing Corporation's Bills

The Clearing Corporation shall periodically render bills for the charges, fees, fines and other dues payable by Clearing Members to the Clearing Corporation which would also include the charges for the use of the property as well as the charges, fines and other dues payable on account of the business cleared and settled through the Clearing Corporation and debit the amount payable by such members to their accounts. All such bills shall be paid within a week of the date on which they are rendered.

#### 16.6 Liability of The Clearing Corporation

The Clearing Corporation shall not be deemed to guarantee the title, ownership, genuineness, regularity or validity of any security, transfer deed or any other document passing through the Clearing Corporation and the only obligation of the Clearing Corporation in this matter shall be to facilitate the delivery and payment in respect of securities, transfer deed and any other documents between members. Likewise, no liability shall attach either to the Clearing Corporation or to the Relevant Authority its employees, agent or representatives or its members by reason of anything done or omitted to be done by any of them in the course of its operations nor shall the Clearing Corporation or the Relevant Authority, its employees, agents, representatives or members shall be liable to answer in any way for the title, ownership, genuineness, regularity or validity of any securities, transfer deeds or any other documents passing through the Clearing Corporation nor shall any liability attach to the Clearing Corporation, the Relevant

Authority or any Member of the Relevant Authority in any way in respect of such securities, transfer deeds and any other documents.

#### **CHAPTER - XVII**

# PROVISIONS RELATING TO SUB-DIVISION, SPLIT RECEIPTS AND CERTIFIED TRANSFER DEEDS

# 17.1 Securities Specifically Designated

In respect of securities so specifically designated by the Relevant Authority, the Clearing Corporation may act for its members in procuring sub-divided certificates or provisional documents or split receipts or certified transfer deeds and where the company agrees to certify the transfer deeds, may issue its own Split Receipts.

#### 17.2 Sub-Division

When the delivering member has a certificate or a provisional document of a larger denomination than the amount of securities to be delivered or only one certificate representing securities conveyed by two or more transfer deeds, such certificates or provisional documents may be deposited with the Clearing Corporation. Thereupon, the Clearing Corporation shall at the depositor's risk forward them to the office of the company and either certify the transfer deeds to that effect or procure the sub-divided certificates or provisional documents or split receipts or certified transfer deeds from the company.

## 17.3 Clearing Corporation's Split Receipts

In respect of securities so specially designated, the Clearing Corporation may, on a member depositing a certificate or provisional document of large denomination, issue its own Split Receipts as may be prescribed by the Relevant Authority from time to time.

## 17.4 Title to The Clearing Corporation's Split Receipts

Title to the Clearing Corporation's split receipts is transferable with the same effect as that of the original certificates or provisional documents.

# 17.5 Exchange of the Clearing Corporation's split receipts

The Clearing Corporation shall deliver the new certificates or provisional documents or split receipt or certified transfer deeds issued by the company on presentation and surrender of the Clearing Corporation's split receipts duly discharged by the Clearing Members to whom they have been issued.

# 17.6 Procedure to be prescribed by The Relevant Authority

The Relevant Authority shall from time to time prescribe the fees to be paid and the procedure to be followed for sub-division of documents, certification of transfer deeds and issue of Clearing Corporation's split receipts.

# 17.7 No Responsibility In Regard To Sub-Division and Certification

The Clearing Corporation, the Relevant Authority, and their officials shall not be liable or responsible for the due or accurate performance of any duties in connection with the issue of split receipts or certification of transfers nor for the verification of documents

presented to them for sub-division or certification nor for any duties in connection with the transmission of certificates or other documents to the company nor for any loss arising from the certification of forged transfers or from issue of Clearing Corporation's Split receipts or certification of transfers against forged certificates or forged documents nor for the execution, mis-execution or non-execution of the duties in question.

#### CHAPTER - XVIII

#### **CLEARING AND OTHER FORMS**

# 18.1 Clearing Forms, Special Returns and Other Forms

The clearing forms, special returns and other forms referred to in these Bye Laws and Regulations and not separately prescribed shall be in such other form or forms as the Relevant Authority may from time to time prescribe in addition thereto or in modification or substitution thereof.

## 18.2 Clearing Number and Clearing Forms

A Clearing Member shall be allotted a clearing number which must appear on all forms used by the Clearing Member connected with the operation of the Clearing Corporation.

The Clearing forms and formats to be used by the Clearing Members shall be as prescribed by the Clearing Corporation and depository clearing system and unless otherwise permitted, no other form or format shall be used by the Clearing Members of the Clearing Corporation.

# 18.3 Signing of Clearing Forms

All clearing forms shall be signed either by the Clearing Member or by any person authorized by the Clearing Member to do so.

# 18.4 False or Misleading Statements

The Relevant Authority may take such disciplinary action as it may deem fit and proper against a Clearing Member who makes any false or misleading statement in the clearing forms required to be submitted in conformity with these Regulations or any resolutions, orders, notices, directions and decisions of the Relevant Authority thereunder.

#### CHAPTER - XIX

#### CONDUCT OF BUSINESS BY CLEARING MEMBERS

#### 19.1 Office Related Procedure

- **19.1.1** Every Clearing Member shall ensure that all persons acting on its behalf shall subscribe at all times to high standards of professional expertise and integrity.
- 19.1.2 Each Clearing Member shall at all times maintain such infrastructure, staff, communication facilities and records so as to be able to service its constituents satisfactorily and as per the requirements enumerated in the Clearing Corporation Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, or any other relevant act(s) for that time being in force
- 19.1.3 Where the Clearing Corporation feels it necessary, in the public interest to do so, it may at its own instance or on a complaint from another Clearing Member or client, seek explanation from the Clearing Member regarding the level of service or professional conduct of the Clearing Member or any of its staff where such service or conduct has been found unsatisfactory or contrary to principles enumerated in the Clearing Corporation's Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations, or notifications, directions or circulars issued thereunder.

## 19.2 Supervision

#### 19.2.1 Procedures to be followed

- (a) Each Clearing Member shall establish, maintain, and enforce procedures to supervise its business and to supervise the activities of its employees that are reasonably designed to achieve compliance with the Clearing Corporation's Bye-Laws, Rules and Regulations and any notifications, directions etc. issued thereunder as well as the relevant statutory acts.
- (b) The Clearing Member shall maintain an internal record of the names of all persons who are designated as supervisory personnel and the dates for which such designation is or was effective. Such record shall be preserved by the Clearing Member for a period of not less than three years.
- (c) Every Clearing Member shall specifically authorise in writing person or persons, who may be authorised to transact on behalf of the Clearing Member and to do such acts which Clearing Member may wish to delegate to such person, and make available a copy of such power of attorney to the Clearing Corporation before such person transacts any business on the Clearing Corporation.
- (d) A Clearing Member shall maintain such records and make available for inspection to any person authorised in this behalf by the Clearing Corporation, the information related to such Clearing member's financial condition as prescribed by the Clearing Corporation for this purpose.
- (e) The Clearing Member shall pay such fees, charges and other sum as the Clearing Corporation may notify from time to time, in such time and manner as required by the Clearing Corporation.

(f) The Clearing Member must inform the Clearing Corporation of any change in the status and constitution, operation, activities of the clearing member's entity.

# 19.2.2 Internal inspections

Each Clearing Member shall conduct a review, at least annually, of the business in which it engages, which shall be reasonably designed to assist in detecting and preventing violations of and achieving compliance with Rules, Bye Laws and Regulations of the Clearing Corporation.

## 19.2.3 Written Approval

Each Clearing Member shall establish procedures for the review and endorsement by an appropriate senior officer in writing, on an internal record, of all transactions and all correspondence of its employees pertaining to the solicitation of any securities transaction.

## 19.3 Relation with the Constituents

- **19.3.1** When establishing a relationship with a new client, Clearing Members must take reasonable steps to assess the background, genuineness, financial soundness of such person, and his/its objectives.
- **19.3.2** Clearing Member shall make the constituent aware of the precise nature of the Clearing Member's liability for business to be conducted, including any limitations on that liability and the capacity in which the Clearing Member acts and the constituents liability thereon.
- 19.3.3 The Clearing Member shall provide extracts of relevant provisions governing the rights and obligations of Constituents as Constituents of Clearing Members as prescribed in the Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations, relevant manuals, notifications, circulars any additions or amendments thereto, etc. of the Clearing Corporation, or of any regulatory authority, to the extent it governs the relationship between Clearing Members and Constituents, to the Constituents at no extra cost. The Clearing Member shall also bring to the notice of its Constituents, any indictments, penalties, etc. imposed on it by the Clearing Corporation or any other regulatory authority.

## **19.4** Recommendations to the Constituents

- **19.4.1** A Clearing Member shall make adequate disclosures of relevant material information in its dealing with its Constituents.
- **19.4.2** No Clearing Member or person associated with the Clearing Member shall guarantee a Constituent against a loss in any securities transactions effected by the Clearing Member with or for such Constituent.

#### CHAPTER - XX

#### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CLEARING MEMBERS

# 20.1 General Principles

#### 20.1.1 Professionalism

A Clearing Member in the conduct of its business, shall observe high standards of commercial honour of just and equitable principles of trade. A Clearing Member shall have and employ effectively the resources and procedures which are needed for the proper performance of its business activities.

## 20.1.2 Adherence to clearing practices

Clearing Members shall adhere to the Rules, Regulations and Bye Laws of the Clearing Corporation and shall comply with such operational parameters, rulings, notices, guidelines and instructions of the Relevant Authority as may be applicable from time to time.

#### 20.1.3 Honesty and fairness

In conducting its business activities, a Clearing Member shall act honestly and fairly, in the best interests of its constituents.

#### **20.2** Settlement Principles

- **20.2.1** Clearing Members shall ensure that the fiduciary and other obligations imposed on them and their staff by the various statutory acts, Rules and Regulations are complied with.
- **20.2.2** Clearing Members shall ensure that employees are adequately trained in the practices of the clearing segment in which they deal, clear and settle, are aware of their own, and their organisation's responsibilities as well as the relevant laws governing the Clearing Member, the Rules, Bye-Laws and Regulations of the Clearing Corporation including any additions or amendments thereof.
- **20.2.3** When entering into transactions on behalf of Constituents, the Clearing Members shall ensure that they abide by the Code of Conduct and regulations as enumerated in the current chapter of these Regulations.
- **20.2.4** No Clearing Member or person associated with a Clearing Member shall make improper use of the Constituents' securities or funds.
- **20.2.5** When entering into or arranging transactions, Clearing Members must ensure that, at all times, great care is taken not to misrepresent in any way the nature of transaction.
- **20.2.6** No Clearing Member shall exercise any discretionary power in respect of a Client's account unless such client has given prior written authorisation to the Clearing Member in that behalf.

# 20.3 General Guidelines

A Clearing Member shall desist from the following practices while conducting business on the Clearing Corporation:—

# 20.3.1 Shielding or assisting

No Clearing Member shall shield or assist or omit to report any Clearing member whom it has known to have committed a breach or evasion of any Rules, Bye Laws or Regulations of the Clearing Corporation OR of any resolution, order, notice or direction thereunder of the Relevant Authority or Clearing Corporation in that behalf.

# 20.3.2 Use of information obtained in fiduciary capacity

A Clearing Member who in the capacity of paying agent, transfer agent, trustee, or in any other similar capacity, has received information as to the ownership of securities, shall under no circumstances make use of such information for the purpose of soliciting business except at the request and on behalf of the issuer.

#### CHAPTER - XXI

#### RECORDS, ANNUAL ACCOUNTS & AUDIT

#### 21.1 Records

- 21.1.1 Every Clearing Member shall comply with all relevant statutory acts, including Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and Rules thereunder of 1957, and Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992, and Rules, Regulations and guidelines thereunder, and the requirements of and under any notifications, directives and guidelines issued by SEBI, the Central Government and any statutory body or local authority or anybody or authority acting under the authority or direction of the Central Government relating to maintenance of accounts and records.
- 21.1.2 In addition to the requirements as per regulation, every Clearing Member shall comply with the following requirements and such other requirements as the Clearing Corporation may from time to time notify in this behalf relating to books of accounts, records and documents in respect of its membership to the clearing segment of the Clearing Corporation. Further, where a Clearing Member holds membership of any other recognized stock exchange(s) or clearing corporation, such Clearing Member shall maintain a separate set of books of accounts, records and documents for each recognized stock exchange and Clearing Corporation.
- **21.1.3** Every Clearing Member of the Clearing Corporation shall maintain the following records relating to its business for a period of five years:—
  - (a) Statements of fund and securities obligations received from the clearing(s).
  - (b) Record of all statements received from the settling agencies and record of all correspondence with them.
  - (c) Copies of all instructions obtained in writing from the Constituents.
  - (d) Records in respect of interest received on securities of the Constituents, monies borrowed and loaned including monies received.
  - (e) Records in respect of clearing charges collected separately from the Constituents.
  - (f) A Register of transaction (or other records of original entry) containing an itemized daily record of all purchases and sales of securities, showing for each such deal cleared, the name of securities, value of securities, clearing charges and name of the Constituents.
- **21.1.4** Every Clearing Member shall keep such records and books of accounts, as may be necessary, to distinguish Client's securities from its own securities. Such records for client's securities shall inter alia, provide for the following:
  - (a) securities fully paid for, pending delivery to clients;

- (b) securities received for transfer or sent for transfer by the Clearing Member, in the name of client or his/its nominee(s) in respect of Non- Depository Deals;
- (c) securities that are fully paid for and are held in custody by the Clearing Member as security / margin, etc. proper authorisation from client for the same shall be obtained by Clearing Member;
- (d) duly paid for client's securities registered in the name of Clearing Member, if any, towards margin requirements, etc.
- (e) instructions from Clearing Members to depository participants to effect accounts transfers;
- (f) such other records as the Relevant Authority may prescribe from time to time.
- **21.1.5** Every Clearing Member shall keep for a period of five years (unless a dispute has arisen, in which case the Clearing Member shall maintain for a period of five years after the final settlement or adjudication of the dispute) such books of accounts, as will be necessary, to show and distinguish, in connection with its business as a Clearing Member:
  - (a) The moneys/securities received from or on account of and the moneys paid and securities delivered to or on account of each of its Constituents and Trading Members whose trades the Clearing Member has undertaken to clear and settle,
  - (b) The moneys/securities received and the moneys paid and securities delivered on the Clearing Member's own account.
  - (c) It shall be compulsory for all Clearing Members to keep the money of the Constituents and Trading Members in a separate account and their own money in a separate account. No payment or delivery for a transaction in which the Clearing Member is taking a position as a principal will be allowed to be made from the Constituents' or Trading Members' account.
- **21.1.6** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Chapter, every Clearing Member shall preserve the originals of the documents, copies of which have been collected by enforcement agencies like the CBI, Police, Crime Branch, etc., during the course of their investigation till the trial is completed.

#### 21.2 Transfers to and from Client Accounts

The transfer from client's account to Clearing Member's account shall be allowed under circumstances provided herein in the concerned Regulation.

#### 21.2.1 Obligation to pay money into clients' account

Every Clearing Member who holds or receives money on account of a client shall forthwith pay such money to current or deposit account at bank to be kept in the name of the member in the title of which the word "Clients" shall appear (hereinafter referred to as "Clients Account"). A Clearing Member may keep one consolidated clients account for all the clients or accounts in the name of each client, as it thinks fit; provided that when a Clearing Member receives a cheque or draft representing in part money belonging to the client and in part money due to the Clearing Member, it shall pay the whole of such cheque or draft into the clients' account and effect subsequent transfer as laid down in the concerned Regulation herein.

# 21.2.2 Moneys to be paid into clients' account

No money shall be paid into clients' account other than:

- (a) money held or received on account of clients;
- (b) such moneys belonging to the Clearing Member as may be necessary for the purpose of opening or maintaining the account;
- (c) money for replacement of any sum which may by mistake or accident have been drawn from the account:
- (d) a cheque or draft received by the Clearing Member representing in part money belonging to the client and in part money due to the Clearing Member.

## 21.2.3 Moneys to be withdrawn from clients' account

No money shall be drawn from clients' account other than:

- (a) money properly required for payment to or on behalf of clients for or towards payment of a debt due to the Clearing Member from clients or money drawn on client's authority, or money in respect of which there is a liability of clients to the Clearing Member, provided that money so drawn shall not in any case exceed the total of the money so held for the time being for each such client;
- (b) such money belonging to the Clearing Member as may have been paid into the client account as mentioned in the regulation above;
- (c) money which may by mistake or accident have been paid into such account.

#### 21.3 Right to Lien, Set-Off Not Affected

Nothing in this Section shall deprive a Clearing Member of any recourse or right, whether by way of lien, set-off, counter-claim charge(s) or otherwise against moneys standing to the credit of clients account.

#### 21.4 Record Maintenance

**21.4.1** Every Clearing Member shall maintain permanently copies of agreements executed with each of its Constituent in accordance with the Clearing Corporation's requirements.

- **21.4.2** Every Clearing Member shall maintain permanently copies of agreements executed with each of the settling agencies or banks.
- 21.4.3 Every Clearing Member shall maintain for a period of five years after the closure of the account originals of all communications received and copies of all communications sent by such Clearing Member (including inter-office memo and communications) relating to its business as such. If a dispute has arisen, the Clearing Member shall maintain the aforesaid records for a period of five years after the final settlement or adjudication of the dispute.
- 21.4.4 Every Clearing Member shall maintain for a period of five years after the closure of the account all guarantees of accounts and all powers of attorney and other evidence of the granting of any discretionary authority given in respect of any account and copies of resolutions empowering an agent to act on behalf of the Clearing Member. If a dispute has arisen, the Clearing Member shall maintain the aforesaid records for a period of five years after the final settlement or adjudication of the dispute.
- **21.4.5** Every Clearing Member shall maintain for a period of five years after the termination thereof, of all written agreements (or copies thereof) entered into by that Clearing Member relating to its business as such, including agreements with respect to any account. If a dispute has arisen, the Clearing Member shall maintain the aforesaid records for a period of five years after the final settlement or adjudication of the dispute.
- **21.4.6** Every Clearing Member shall preserve, for a period of not less than five years after the closing of any Constituent's account, any records which relate to the terms and conditions with respect to the opening and maintenance of such account, date of entering into agreement with the constituent, date of modification thereof, date of termination and representatives of such Constituent who signed in each case.
- **21.4.7** A Clearing Member shall intimate to the Clearing Corporation the place where these records are kept and available for audit/inspection.
- **21.4.8** Each Clearing Member shall keep and preserve a record of all written complaints of its constituents showing the reference number of constituent, date, constituent's name, particulars of the complaints, action taken by the Clearing Member.
- **21.4.9** Every Clearing Member shall maintain details of securities which are the property of a Clearing Member showing with whom they are deposited and if held otherwise than by the Member, whether they have been lodged as collateral security for loans or advances.
- **21.4.10** The above requirements relating to maintenance of records shall apply not only to records of the Clearing Member's principal office but also to those of any branch office and to any nominee company owned or controlled by a Clearing Member for the purpose of conducting the business of the Clearing Member.

# 21.5 Annual Accounts and Audit

- **21.5.1** Each Clearing Member shall prepare annual accounts for each financial year ending on 31st March or such other date as advised to the Clearing Corporation.
- **21.5.2** The assets and liabilities of the Clearing Member's business shall be brought into account in the balance sheet at such amounts and shall be classified and described therein in such manner that the balance sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of such business as at the date to which it is made up.
- **21.5.3** Each Clearing Member shall furnish to the Clearing Corporation, its audited financial statement and such report shall be furnished not later than six months after the end of the Clearing Member's financial year; provided that when the Clearing Corporation is satisfied that circumstances warrant an extension of time, it may grant an extension of such time as it may deem fit in this behalf.

#### CHAPTER - XXII

#### INSPECTION

# 22.1 Inspection Authority

- **22.1.1** Where it appears to the Clearing Corporation so to do, it may appoint one or more persons as inspecting authority to undertake inspection of books of accounts, other records and documents of the Clearing Members including for any of the purposes specified in the concerned Regulation.
- **22.1.2** The inspecting authority appointed by the Clearing Corporation may be either its own officials or outside professionals.
- **22.1.3** When the Clearing Corporation appoints outside professionals as an inspecting authority, it shall notify the Clearing Member the names and addresses of the professionals or firms so appointed as an inspecting authority at the time of inspection.
- **22.1.4** When outside professionals are appointed as an inspecting authority in respect of a Clearing Member and such professionals are already related in any other capacity with the Clearing Member, then such member shall forthwith inform the Clearing Corporation of such relationship.
- **22.1.5** Where after appointment of any outside professional as an inspecting authority in respect of a Clearing Member, the Clearing Member or any of its associates engages the inspecting authority for its services in any other capacity, the inspecting authority shall not engage itself in such other professional capacity with the Clearing Member or any of its associates without prior consent of the Clearing Corporation.

# 22.2 Reasons for Inspection

The Clearing Corporation may cause a Clearing Member to be inspected for purposes which may include the following:

- (a) to ensure that the books of accounts and other books are being maintained in the manner required;
- (b) to ensure that the provisions of Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 Rules and Regulations thereunder are being complied with;
- (c) to ensure that provisions of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956 and the Rules made thereunder are being complied with;
- (d) to ensure that the provisions of any other securities laws are being complied with;
- (e) to ensure that various provisions of the Clearing Corporation's Bye Laws, Rules and Regulations and any directions or instructions issued thereunder are being complied with;

- (f) to investigate into the complaints received from investors, other members of the Clearing Corporation or any other person on any matter having a bearing on the activities of the Clearing Member;
- (g) to investigate suo-moto, for any reason where circumstances so warrant an inspection into the affairs of the Clearing Member in public interest;
- (h) to examine whether any notices, circulars, instructions or orders issued by the Clearing Corporation from time to time relating to trading and other activities of Clearing Members are being complied with;
- (i) to comply with any of the directives issued in this behalf by any regulating authority including Government of India.

#### 22.3 Notice

Before undertaking any inspection as above, the Clearing Corporation shall give a reasonable notice to the Clearing Member for that purpose. Notwithstanding anything contained above, where the Clearing Corporation is of the opinion that no such notice should be given, it may direct in writing that the inspection of the affairs of the Clearing Member be taken up without such notice.

Clearing Corporation officials or the inspecting authority who is directed by the Clearing Corporation to undertake the inspection, shall undertake the inspection and the Clearing Member against which an inspection is being carried out shall be bound to discharge its obligations as provided in the relative Regulation herein.

#### 22.4 Obligations of a Clearing Member on Inspection

- **22.4.1** It shall be the duty of every director, officer and employee of the Clearing Member, who is being inspected, to produce to the inspecting authority such books, accounts and other documents in its custody or control or arrange to produce where such books, accounts and other documents when they are in any other person's custody or control and furnish it such statements and information within such time as the said inspecting authority may require.
- 22.4.2 The Clearing Member shall allow the inspecting authority to have reasonable access to the premises occupied by it or by any other person on its behalf and also extend reasonable facilities for examining any books, records, documents and computerised data in its possession or any other person and also provide copies of documents or other materials which in the opinion of the inspecting authority are relevant.
- **22.4.3** The inspecting authority, in the course of inspection shall be entitled to examine or record statements of any member, director, officer and employee of the Clearing Member or of any associate of such Clearing Member.
- **22.4.4** It shall be the duty of every director, officer and employee of the Clearing Member or where an associate is examined, such associate to give to the inspecting authority all assistance in connection with the inspection which the Clearing Member may be reasonably expected to give.

- **22.4.5** The inspecting authority shall be entitled to examine the records relating to the Clearing Member's financial affairs held with its bankers or any other agency which the inspecting authority may find it relevant.
- **22.4.6** The inspecting authority shall have access to accounts and other records relating to the Clearing Member or such access as authorised by the Clearing Corporation to accounts and other records relating to any associate of the Clearing Member as are within the power of the Clearing Member to provide.

## 22.5 Submission of Report

- **22.5.1** The inspecting authority shall, as soon as possible submit an inspection report to the Clearing Corporation.
- 22.5.2 All documents, papers, returns or their copies submitted to the inspecting authority may be retained by it on behalf of the Clearing Corporation. It shall maintain complete confidentiality thereof and no disclosure of any information contained therein shall be made to any person, firm, company or authority unless required by any law for the time being in force and without approval of the Clearing Corporation in this regard.
- **22.5.3** The Clearing Corporation shall after consideration of the inspection report communicate the findings to the Clearing Member to give it an opportunity of being heard before any action is taken by the Clearing Corporation on the findings of the inspecting authority.
- **22.5.4** On receipt of the explanation, if any, from the Clearing Member, the Clearing Corporation may call upon Clearing Member to take such measures as the Clearing Corporation may deem fit in public interest.
- **22.5.5** Notwithstanding anything contained as above, where the Clearing Corporation is of the opinion that no such hearing should be provided in certain circumstances, it may take action forthwith without giving any opportunity to such Clearing Member of being heard.