



RESERVE BANK OF INDIA  
Foreign Exchange Department  
Central Office  
Mumbai - 400 001

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A. P. (DIR Series) Circular No. 143

June 16, 2014

To,

All Authorised Persons

Madam / Sir,

**Know Your Customer (KYC) norms/Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards/  
Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/ Obligation of Authorised Persons  
under Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 – Amendment to  
Section 13(2) – Money Changing Activities**

Please refer to our [A.P. \(DIR Series\) Circular No.17 \[A.P. \(FL/RL Series\) Circular No.04\] dated November 27, 2009](#) on 'Know Your Customer (KYC) norms/Anti-Money Laundering (AML) standards/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT)/Obligation of Authorised Persons under Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA), 2002, as amended by Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Act, 2009 - Money changing activities', as amended from time to time.

2. With the enactment of Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Act, 2012 and amendment to Section 13 of the Act which provides for "Powers of Director to impose fine", the section 13(2) now reads as under:

*"If the Director, in the course of any inquiry, finds that a reporting entity or its designated director on the Board or any of its employees has failed to comply with the obligations under this Chapter, then, without prejudice to any other action that may be taken under any other provisions of this Act, he may—*

- (a) issue a warning in writing; or*
- (b) direct such reporting entity or its designated director on the Board or any of its employees, to comply with specific instructions; or*
- (c) direct such reporting entity or its designated director on the Board or any of its*

*employees, to send reports at such interval as may be prescribed on the measures it is taking; or*

*(d) by an order, levy a fine on such reporting entity or its designated director on the Board or any of its employees, which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees but may extend to one lakh rupees for each failure.”*

3. In view of the above amendment, Authorised Persons may nominate a Director on their Boards as “designated Director” to ensure compliance with the obligations under the Prevention of Money Laundering (Amendment) Act, 2012. 4. The directions contained in this Circular have been issued under Section 10(4) and Section 11(1) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and also under the, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, (PMLA), 2002, as amended from time to time and are without prejudice to permission /approvals, if any, required under any other law.

Yours faithfully,

**(B. P. Kanungo)**  
**Principal Chief General Manager**