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REVISED CHECKLIST ON CONCURRENT AUDIT OF RISK PRONE AREAS BY AUDITORS OF THE DPs

Depository Participants (DP) are advised to refer Concurrent Audit of risk prone areas done daily on 100% basis by the Concurrent Auditors as per the communiqué no. CDSL/A,I&C/DP/POLCY/2024/198 dated April 12, 2024.

The DPs are now advised to note that the concurrent auditors should conduct the audit of the DPs as per the **revised checklist** given in **Annexure A** on 100% basis daily effective from October-2024 and submit the concurrent audit report to the DP on a monthly basis by the 10th of the following month.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to CDSL – Audit, Inspection & Compliance Department on telephone nos. **(022) 6234-3082, 6234-3084, 6234-3075, 6234-3077, 6234-3078.**

**For and on behalf of
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CONCURRENT AUDIT OF RISK PRONE AREAS OF DP OPERATIONS

The Concurrent Auditors should verify below mentioned areas on 100% basis:

Account Opening:

1. Proof of identity is obtained from all holders of a non-body corporate as per SEBI, PMLA and CDSL requirements.
2. Proof of Address is collected from all holders as per SEBI, PMLA and CDSL requirements.
3. Proof of identity and address of third party is obtained and due diligence is done as prescribed by SEBI, PMLA and CDSL, in case third party address is obtained as correspondence address.
4. The DP has obtained the proof of correspondence address and kept on record, if the BO is registered with KRA and does not want to use the correspondence address mentioned in the KRA system.
5. All KYC documents are self-attested by the BO(s) and signature(s) of client(s)/ authorised signatories provided on account opening form and KYC documents is/are matching.
6. The DP has actually verified documents with originals and affixed the stamp accordingly on all KYC documents.
7. Translation into English is on record of the DP, if any proof of identity or proof of address is in foreign language.
8. The DP has captured the KYC information for sharing with the Central KYC Records Registry in the manner mentioned in the PMLA Rules, as per the KYC template for “individuals” and “Legal Entity” finalized by CERSAI within ten days after the commencement of an account-based relationship with a client. (Ref. para 115 of SEBI Master Circular dated October 12, 2023 (CDSL Communique DP2023-604 dated October 16, 2023))
9. The DP has uploaded the existing clients' KYC details with Central KYC Records Registry (CKYCR) System.
10. The requirement of obtaining PAN card details has been complied with.

11. PAN details are verified with the database of Income Tax Department and stamp of "PAN Verified" has been affixed on the photocopy of the PAN card(s) for all the account holders.
12. The DP has correctly & adequately entered PAN details in CDSL system.
13. The DP does "In person verification" as prescribed by SEBI, PMLA and CDSL guidelines and maintains record of in-person verification.
14. Photograph(s) of BO(s) is/are collected and is signed across by the account holder.
15. The DP has performed initial KYC and uploaded the information in KRA system and furnished the scanned images of the KYC documents to the KRA within 3 working days from the date of completion of KYC process.
16. Corrective actions are taken by DP, for cases kept on hold / rejected by KRA
17. The DP downloads/ fetches the documents from KRA site and maintains electronic records of KYCs of BOs where initial KYC is registered through other intermediary.
- ~~18. The DP has uploaded the modification / missing data in the MF KYC verified cases on the KRA system.~~
19. Necessary documents / information as per guidelines prescribed by SEBI and CDSL have been collected from different types of BOs such as individual investors (Minor, HUF, and NRIs etc.), CMs, Corporate, OCBs, Trusts, etc.
20. The procedures prescribed by CDSL for opening the demat account of illiterate / disabled person/ blind or person suffering from cerebral palsy/autism/mental retardation and multiple disabilities are being complied with.
21. Partnership / proprietorship firm accounts are opened as per operating instruction 2.4.5.
22. There is a mechanism to ensure that the details of account opening forms are entered correctly in the CDAS and opened under [the](#) appropriate category.
23. PMS Demat / [PMS Pool](#) account opened by the DP is as per the guidelines issued by CDSL /SEBI.
24. The procedure prescribed by CDSL for opening & operating the AMC CM accounts for settlement of Mutual Fund units is being complied with.
25. Nomination is made as per the procedure prescribed by CDSL and nomination form/[opting out declaration](#) is duly filled, executed and updated in CDAS.
- [26. DP has sent communication on fortnightly basis by way of emails and sms to all such demat account holders who have not provided the 'choice of nomination'. The communication has provided the guidance for demat account holders to provide 'choice of nomination'. Refer Communique no. 2024-317.](#)

- ~~26-27.~~ Proof of bank details is obtained as prescribed by CDSL and same has been entered in CDAS.
- ~~27-28.~~ The information on Financials of BOs is obtained in the account opening form.
- ~~28-29.~~ DP has mandatorily opened all new demat accounts as BSDA w.e.f. September 01, 2024, if such demat accounts are eligible for BSDA unless specific consent is provided by BO by way of email from their registered email-id to avail the facility of a regular (non-BSDA) demat account. (Refer SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2024/91 dated June 28, 2024. (CDSL Communique DP2024-358 dated June 29,2024 and Communique DP2024-483 dated August 26, 2024).~~The DP has opened BSDA account as per guidelines issued by SEBI and CDSL.~~
- ~~29-30.~~ The DP has reassessed the eligibility of the BOs at the end of every billing cycle and has converted all existing eligible demat accounts into BSDA unless such BOs specifically provided their consent by way of email from their email-id registered with the DP to continue to avail the facility of a regular demat account as per Comm 2024/358 dtd June 29, 2024 (SEBI Cir - SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2024/91 dtd June 28, 2024).~~The DP has reassessed the eligibility of the BOs at the end of every billing cycle and acted on SEBI circular no CIR/MRD/DP/ 20 /2015 dated 11.12.2015 in BSDA accounts.~~
- ~~30-31.~~ The DP has given Rights & Obligations document to the BOs and kept acknowledgement on record in case of new demat accounts opened.
- ~~31-32.~~ The DP has not done any alterations in the contents of the SEBI specified Rights and Obligations document.
- ~~32-33.~~ The DP-CM agreement has been executed for CMs of BSE, in case of CM account opened by the DP.
- ~~33-34.~~ The DP has not executed any Supplementary agreement/undertaking with the BO, which is contradictory to SEBI specified Rights and Obligations document.
- ~~34-35.~~ The signatures of authorised signatories along with mode of operation as per Board resolution~~are properly scanned in CDAS and Back Office System along with mode of operation as per Board resolution. In case of joint holder demat account, mode of operation for execution of transactions is obtained, specified correctly in the CDAS and Back office system. and of joint holders as per~~ Also consent for communication received for execution of transactions are properly scanned in CDAS and Back Office

~~System in the joint demat account are processed~~ as per CDSL guidelines. (~~Communique No. 2023-232, April 13, 2023 and 2023/404 dated July 12 2023.~~)

- ~~35. BO signatures have been appropriately scanned in CDAS and Back office system.~~
36. Client Master Report has been provided to the BOs.- (Through email, physical, through DP's web site etc.).
37. Tariff Sheet has been signed by the BO at the time of account opening.
38. The DP has created master POA ID/DDPI ID for all POA/DDPI holders in CDSL system and mapped to the respective demat accounts where DIS is issued to POA holder/DDPI.
39. The DP ensures that separate mobile number and email address is being captured for each client by checking against existing demat accounts within the same DP. (Refer Communiqué 5139)
40. DP opens demat account using SARAL account opening form which is as per SEBI/ CDSL guidelines.
41. DP has obtained FATCA/CRS declaration from the BOs.
42. The DP is in Compliance with SEBI Circular on Implementation of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
43. Special care is taken to check the genuineness of the client if disproportionately large numbers of accounts are opened with the same or similar names and/or same address and/or with the same bank account details.
44. DP has made the provision in the Demat Account Opening form to mention the UCC details of the sole / first holder of Demat Account. (Ref.Comm.141 Dt. March 16, 2020)
45. In case of Sikkim based demat account, whether address mentioned in the depository system is similar to the documentary proof provided by clients and the address is of Sikkim state.
46. In case of discrepancies observed in verification of Sikkim based account, whether the same is informed to the client giving 30 days' notice for rectification of records and informing that the demat account will be frozen for debit if rectified documents are not submitted to the DP within 30 days.
47. DP has frozen demat account of Sikkim based BO who have not taken corrective action within 30 days' of notice period as specified in the Communique DP2022-458 dated August 11, 2022.
48. DP has unfrozen the demat account of Sikkim based BOs only after receipt of rectified documents from the BO and are found in order after due verification.

49. In case the discrepancies / error is on the part of the DP, the same is rectified by the DP and audited by the Auditor.
- ~~49.~~ DP is complying with the following guidelines issued by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DoP/P/CIR/2022/46 dated April 06, 2022 –
“Clients whose KYC records are not found to be valid by KRA after the validation process shall be allowed to transact in securities market only after their KYC is validated.”
50. DP has informed BOs deficiency/inadequacy in their KYC documents as intimated by KRA after validation in accordance with SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DoP/P/CIR/2022/46 dated April 06, 2022 and communique no. CDSL/OPS/DP/SYSTEM/2023/493 August 18, 2023
51. DP has followed the guidelines as per Communique 525 dated September 05, 2023 w.r.t. validation of Aadhar based KYC records with KRA and has frozen demat account using Freeze Reason Code 22- “KYC Verification Non-compliant account” for freezing demat account, if KRA/KYC are not validated/failed.
52. DP has unfrozen demat account after verification of the status of KYC record for given PAN on KRA system (for sole/all joint holders) and ensured that same is validated by KRA.
53. DP has performed thorough due diligence to ensure that PAN is verified and Aadhar is linked and has accordingly changed the flag in CDAS and has kept records/audit trail while performing updates. (Communique 380 dated June 30, 2023)
54. DP has taken action on the report provided by CDSL on monthly basis wherein the mobile numbers disconnected as per MNRL are provided. DP has taken up the matter with the respective BOs. DP has wherever necessary, updated correct mobile number in the Demat account of the BO on the basis of duly signed modification letter/ form received from Bos (Refer Communique DP2023-211 dated April 03, 2023)

Online account Opening:

(Ref. SEBI Cir No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/73 dated April 24, 2020, (Communique CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/203 dated April 27, 2020) Communique CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/342 dated August 10, 2020 and CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/444 dated October 14, 2020)

1. In case of online on-boarding of client using Aadhar based e-KYC facility, the DP is in compliance with e-KYC authentication guidelines for Resident Investor as per SEBI

Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP//CIR/P/2019/123 dated November 05, 2019, SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/73 dated April 24, 2020.

~~2. DP is registered with UIDAI as sub-KUA to undertake Aadhaar authentication services through KUAs and has entered into an agreement with KUA as per SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/80 date May 12, 2020~~

3. The DP has obtained express consent of the investor before undertaking online KYC.
4. The DP has accepted only officially Valid Document (OVD) with e-sign
5. The DP has mandatorily captured Live photograph of the client with time stamping and geo-location tagging and liveness check for the accounts opened with online KYC through the Aadhaar as OVD, any other OVD or through download of KYC from KRA.
6. The DP has verified the e-sign of the client (BO) on the basis of Name, Gender, Year of Birth mentioned in the e-sign certificate and is comparing the same with the client details available in its record.
7. The DP has inserted cropped signature (cropped from a signed cancelled cheque or signature on a white paper or signature made on the screen of a device) of the BO in the place holders of the KYC form and displayed it to the BO before e-signing the document by BO or has obtained scanned copy/ photograph of the KYC form from the BO with his wet signature under e-sign.
8. The DP has obtained photograph/scanned copy of PAN under the e-sign of the BO or e-PAN provided by BO through Digilocker which are issued directly by issuing authority to Digilocker.
9. In case where Bank account details could not be verified (match fails or does not return joint account holder name) by Penny Drop mechanism or any other mechanism using API of the Bank; the DP has obtained signed cancelled cheque as a photo/scan of the original under eSign of the BO.
10. The DP has forwarded KYC completion intimation letter through registered post/ speed post or courier, to the address of the investor in cases where the investor has given address other than as given in the OVD.
11. The DP has frozen the BO account for further transactions in the depository and intimation sent to the client on mobile number and email id or on the permanent address of the client where the investor has given address other than as given in the OVD have been returned undelivered.
12. Proof of identity, in addition to PAN card has been taken on record, as specified under rule 2(d) of the PML rules

13. The VIPV activity logs along with the credentials of the person performing the VIPV are maintained by the DP.
14. The VIPV has been undertaken in a live environment.
15. The VIPV undertaken is clear and still and the investor in the video is easily recognizable and is not covering his/her face in any manner.
16. The VIPV process is included with random question and response from the investor including displaying the OVD, KYC form and signature or confirmed by an OTP.
17. The DP has ensured that photograph of the customer downloaded through the Aadhaar authentication / verification process matches with the investor in the VIPV.
18. The VIPV has been saved in a safe, secure and tamper-proof, easily retrievable manner and shall bear date and time stamping.
19. In cases where the proof of possession of Aadhaar number is submitted as OVD the Aadhaar number is redacted or blacked out and the DP has not stored/saved the Aadhaar number of the BO in their system.
20. The software and security audit and validation of online account opening App has been carried out before rolling out and periodically.
21. The verification process of mobile and email carried out through One Time Password (OTP) or other verifiable mechanism is included in the software and security audit and validation of account opening App.

BO Account data modifications including POA/DDPI:

1. Modification to account details is done only after accepting account modification form/letters duly signed by BO(s) except for the demographic details.
2. Modification to account details is updated in CDAS and Back-office system and intimated to the BO.
3. In case of Change of address, self-attested proof of address has been obtained from the BO & procedure prescribed by KRA is followed by the DP.
4. In case of change in address of the BO, confirmation letter is sent to BO at old as well as new address. DP has sent physical copy of the acknowledgement through the registered post on the registered address of the BO in case where valid email-id and / or valid mobile number is / are updated simultaneously based on the request received from the DP (Refer Communique DP2023-378 dated June 28, 2023)

5. In case of change in name of the BO, DP has followed the procedure and obtained the documents as prescribed by SEBI/CDSL & procedure prescribed by KRA is followed.
6. Rectification in the name of the BO (individuals and non-individuals) on account of typographical error at DP end is carried out as prescribed in the Communiqué 5141 and required documents are kept on records.
7. In case of change of signature of the BO (Individual or Corporate), procedure as prescribed by CDSL and SEBI is followed.
8. Mode of operation is specified correctly in the CDAS and Back-office system while effecting change in signature.
9. Change in bank account details with proof has been obtained and entered in CDAS as prescribed by SEBI and CDSL.
10. Nomination is modified / updated / captured as per CDSL guidelines.
11. Set up/ modification of Power of Attorney/DDPI is done as per CDSL guidelines.
12. DP has mandatorily registered the BO for SMART (SMS Alert) facility, at the time of setting up POA/DDPI (in case of POA/DDPI given to Broker / DP)
13. Change in case of SMS flag, caution has been exercised to check that the POA/DDPI facility is de-registered and same is intimated to the BO.
14. PAN details have been modified / updated / captured correctly in CDAS and Back-office system and procedure prescribed by KRA is followed.
15. Account modification in respect of change in email address and Mobile no. has been carried out only on the basis of the instructions received from the BO.
16. DP has sent physical copy of the acknowledgement through the registered post on the registered address of the BO in case where valid email-id and / or valid mobile number is /are updated simultaneously based on the request received from the BO (refer Communique DP2023-378 dated June 28, 2023)

Issuance of Delivery Instruction Slips (DIS):

1. The DP has issued standardized DIS as per SEBI Circular CIR/MRD/DP/ 01/2014 dated January 07, 2014 and CDSL communiqué 4488 dated June 9, 2014.
2. The DP has entered / uploaded the issuance details of DIS booklet issued to BOs in CDAS.
3. There is a control over issue of instruction slips to the BOs e.g. proper records of instruction slip serial numbers vis-à-vis account number. (DIS issue register and Back-office system).

4. There is a proper inventory control mechanism for instruction slip booklets.
5. The physical inventory is tallied with the inventory records at prescribed intervals.
6. The first instruction slip booklet is being issued as per the procedure prescribed for the same.
7. In case of first instruction slip booklet is not issued to the BO, (only in case where BO has given power of attorney to CM or PMS Manager), consent of the BO has been obtained for the same.
8. Instructions slips have been issued to the BO for the account under BSDA as per SEBI guidelines.
9. There is a system to issue delivery instruction booklets to the BOs based ONLY on the requisition slip which forms part of the earlier issued instruction slip booklet and is signed by all account holders.
10. Signature of BO in the CDAS system and Back-office software, matches with the requisition slip and issuance register.
11. If any instruction slip booklet is issued on the basis of letter instead of requisition slip, the procedure prescribed under operating instructions 6.5.1.12 is followed.
12. DIS is issued on the basis of requisition slip to person other than BO (to the bearer), signature of the bearer is attested by the BO on the requisition slip / authority letter and acknowledgement is obtained for the receipt of the DIS booklet.
13. Requisition slip has pre-stamped BOID and pre-printed instruction slip serial number range / booklet no. of the DIS booklet of which it forms a part.
14. The DIS issued to BOs have pre-stamped BO ID and pre-printed serial number.
15. Issuance of loose delivery slips to BOs, if any, is as per the procedure prescribed by SEBI / CDSL.
16. The DP has not issued more than 10 loose DIS to any account holder in a financial year (April to March).
17. The DP has captured details of Undelivered DIS serial numbers in CDAS on receipt of the information. (Refer communiqué 5327)
18. DP has delivered the DIS booklet at the registered address of the BO, if request for issuance of the DIS booklet is received in an inactive / dormant account. Also such issuance of DIS is authorized by the Compliance Officer or any other designated senior official of the DP.

Execution of Instruction Slips (DIS):

1. There is a system to verify the instruction slip number against the issue details at the time of receipt from the BO
2. There is a system for blocking DIS serial numbers that are already used or reported lost/misplaced/stolen.
3. There is a system to ensure that DIS having transactions with value more than Rs. 5 lakhs are verified by a senior official and additionally checked by another employee (two step verification).
4. The DP has systems and procedures to double check transactions originating from dormant accounts as a risk containment measure and DP verifies transactions originating from dormant accounts independently with the account holders before execution and records the details of verification on instruction slip (O.I - 6.5.4.9)
5. All debit transactions pertaining to the government securities have been executed only after receipt of authorization from the BO
6. DP does scanning and uploading of all DISs entered/executed in the system within stipulated time period and checks from DPU4 report for pendency of scanning and uploading of DIS
7. The DP uses its 'easiest' login for processing of instruction(s) at least once in a month (Note: DP does process of instruction(s) based on DIS and enters DIS serial number for files uploaded by DPs through easiest, DIS serial no. will be required.)
8. For all the transactions executed during the day, the duly signed DIS are available on record of the DP and all such DIS are scanned and uploaded in CDSL system within stipulated time period.
9. DP is following the guidelines issued through CDSL communique from time to time pertaining to using uniform/standardized reason codes/registration/adding buyer account as beneficiary under seller account while executing off-market transactions.

e-DIS Processing

1. e-DIS facility provided by DP ensures capturing all details that are otherwise being captured in physical DIS
2. An instruction given by BO through e-DIS is towards actual transfer of securities to meet obligation for a single settlement number / date
3. DP ensures that Pre-trade authorisation / Mandate is obtained from BO authorising DP to transfer specific securities for meeting on-market settlement obligation only.
4. The mandate provided by BO pertain to a single settlement number /settlement date

5. Securities transferred on basis of mandate provided by client are credited only to client's trading member pool account
6. DP has provided the facility to its client to revoke / cancel the mandate provided by them.
7. DP ensures that the mandate provided by the client is in its favour and does not authorize any assignee of the DP
8. The mandate adheres to the requirement of DP to return the securities to client that may have been transferred erroneously.
9. The mandate does not facilitate DP to transfer securities for off market trades and to execute trades in the name of client without client's consent.
10. The mandate does not facilitate the DP to open an email ID on behalf of client for receiving relevant communications.
11. The mandate does not prohibit to issue DIS to BO and also from operating the account
12. DP ensures two factor authentication of Login - Login to DP's portal with customer's own customer id and password and on successful login client to be asked for security questions for authentication.
13. The IP address / logs of device through which transaction is originated, Message logs of SMS / Emails forwarded to BOs is stored by the DP.
14. The DP has a provision of a report to check DIS given online by client.
15. DP Back Office has check to identify the transactions executed through the online portal.

Transaction Statements:

1. The details of statements of transactions generated from back office match with the statements generated from CDAS system.
2. Records for transaction statements provided to BO, giving details such as account number, date of dispatch; period for which the statement was dispatched etc. is maintained.
3. Main DP sends the statement of account (transaction/holding statement) to all BOs as per SEBI and CDSL guidelines.
4. The DP has obtained written consent of the BO, if the statements are being sent in electronic form and in accordance with guidelines prescribed by CDSL.
5. The statements of account are sent under digital signature of DP official, if sent in electronic form.

Account closure initiated by DP:

1. Notice not less than 30 days is given to the BO before closing his account, in case account closure is initiated by DP.
2. DP has followed the guidelines for online closure of demat accounts (both with nil balance and with balance i.e. transfer-cum-shifting) as per communique 311 dated July 16, 2021.

Transmissions:

1. The transmission requests are processed in accordance with the procedure prescribed by CDSL / SEBI/ PMLA like obtaining duly filled TRF and notarized /attested (by a Gazetted officer) copy of death certificate ,and processing the same within 7 days of receipt of the same etc.
2. DP is following the guidelines w.r.t. centralized mechanism for reporting the demise of an investor through KRAs as per communique no. 2023- 578 dated October 04, 2023

BO Grievances / Redressal:

1. There is a system in place to record and redress all grievances of BOs arising at the DP and at its service centres within the stipulated time of ~~30~~21 days, including grievances received through e-mails, depository, and SEBI.
2. Any BO grievance was pending for more than ~~30~~21 days for reason other than 'pending demats' and whether the same was appropriately reported to CDSL.

Demat

DP has captured dispatch details in the demat request set up by DP and Rejection details in Webcdas (Comm 640 dt. November 02, 2023, and 682 dt. November 22, 2023)

Non Disposal Undertakings (NDUs):

1. Set-up /Modification / Termination of Non-Disposal Undertakings (NDUs) is done appropriately.

Freeze/Unfreeze Instructions:

1. Freeze/Unfreeze instructions are processed as per procedure prescribed by CDSL/SEBI (SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MRD2/DDAP/CIR/P/2020/137 dated July 24,2020)
2. Freeze instructions initiated as per statutory orders.

Pledge/Unpledge Instructions:

1. Pledge/Unpledge/hypothecation instructions are processed as per prescribed procedure.
2. Margin Pledge/Repledge instructions are processed as per the prescribed procedure.

Back Office:

1. Back office software is being used extensively for all DP activities and all transactions are uploaded in CDAS.
2. Back office is updated daily for the transactions done on the CDAS.

Details of the Audit Firms to be provided (Mandatory requirement) :

Name of the Audit Firm conducting risk prone concurrent Audit	:	
Address of the Audit Firm	:	
Name of the Contact Person	:	
Office Phone No.	:	
Mobile No.	:	
Email id of the Firm	:	
Membership No. of the Auditor	:	
NISM – DOCE / CPE Certificate no. [of any one person conducting the risk prone concurrent audit] name of the person to be mentioned. (Refer Communique DP2023-211 dated April 03, 2023)	:	
Date till which certificate is valid	:	DD-MMM-YYYY

Stamp/Seal & Signature of the Concurrent Auditors : _____

Date:

Management Comments : _____

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26. Proof of bank details is obtained as prescribed by CDSL and same has been entered in CDAS.

27. The information on Financials of BOs is obtained in the account opening form.
28. DP has mandatorily opened all new demat accounts as BSDA w.e.f. September 01, 2024, if such demat accounts are eligible for BSDA unless specific consent is provided by BO by way of email from their registered email-id to avail the facility of a regular (non-BSDA) demat account. (Refer SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2024/91 dated June 28, 2024. (CDSL Communique DP2024-358 dated June 29,2024 and Communique DP2024-483 dated August 26, 2024).
29. The DP has reassessed the eligibility of the BOs at the end of every billing cycle and has converted all existing eligible demat accounts into BSDA unless such BOs specifically provided their consent by way of email from their email-id registered with the DP to continue to avail the facility of a regular demat account as per Comm 2024/358 dtd June 29, 2024 (SEBI Cir - SEBI/HO/MIRSD/MIRSD-PoD1/P/CIR/2024/91 dtd June 28, 2024).
30. The DP has given Rights & Obligations document to the BOs and kept acknowledgement on record in case of new demat accounts opened.
31. The DP has not done any alterations in the contents of the SEBI specified Rights and Obligations document.
32. The DP-CM agreement has been executed for CMs of BSE, in case of CM account opened by the DP.
33. The DP has not executed any Supplementary agreement/undertaking with the BO, which is contradictory to SEBI specified Rights and Obligations document.
34. The signatures of authorised signatories along with mode of operation as per Board resolution and of joint holders as per consent for communication received for execution of transactions are properly scanned in CDAS and Back Office System as per CDSL guidelines.
35. Client Master Report has been provided to the BOs. (Through email, physical, through DP's web site etc.).
36. Tariff Sheet has been signed by the BO at the time of account opening.
37. The DP has created master POA ID/DDPI ID for all POA/DDPI holders in CDSL system and mapped to the respective demat accounts where DIS is issued to POA holder/DDPI.
38. The DP ensures that separate mobile number and email address is being captured for each client by checking against existing demat accounts within the same DP. (Refer Communiqué 5139)

39. DP opens demat account using SARAL account opening form which is as per SEBI/CDSL guidelines.
40. DP has obtained FATCA/CRS declaration from the BOs.
41. The DP is in Compliance with SEBI Circular on Implementation of the Multilateral Competent Authority Agreement and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act
42. Special care is taken to check the genuineness of the client if disproportionately large numbers of accounts are opened with the same or similar names and/or same address and/or with the same bank account details.
43. DP has made the provision in the Demat Account Opening form to mention the UCC details of the sole / first holder of Demat Account. (Ref.Comm.141 Dt. March 16, 2020)
44. In case of Sikkim based demat account, whether address mentioned in the depository system is similar to the documentary proof provided by clients and the address is of Sikkim state.
45. In case of discrepancies observed in verification of Sikkim based account, whether the same is informed to the client giving 30 days' notice for rectification of records and informing that the demat account will be frozen for debit if rectified documents are not submitted to the DP within 30 days.
46. DP has frozen demat account of Sikkim based BO who have not taken corrective action within 30 days' of notice period as specified in the Communique DP2022-458 dated August 11, 2022.
47. DP has unfrozen the demat account of Sikkim based BOs only after receipt of rectified documents from the BO and are found in order after due verification.
48. In case the discrepancies / error is on the part of the DP, the same is rectified by the DP and audited by the Auditor.
49. DP is complying with the following guidelines issued by SEBI vide circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DoP/P/CIR/2022/46 dated April 06, 2022 – "Clients whose KYC records are not found to be valid by KRA after the validation process shall be allowed to transact in securities market only after their KYC is validated."
50. DP has informed BOs deficiency/inadequacy in their KYC documents as intimated by KRA after validation in accordance with SEBI circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DoP/P/CIR/2022/46 dated April 06, 2022 and communique no. CDSL/OPS/DP/SYSTEM/2023/493 August 18, 2023
51. DP has followed the guidelines as per Communique 525 dated September 05, 2023 w.r.t. validation of Aadhar based KYC records with KRA and has frozen demat account

using Freeze Reason Code 22- "KYC Verification Non-compliant account" for freezing demat account, if KRA/KYC are not validated/failed.

52. DP has unfrozen demat account after verification of the status of KYC record for given PAN on KRA system (for sole/all joint holders) and ensured that same is validated by KRA.
53. DP has performed thorough due diligence to ensure that PAN is verified and Aadhar is linked and has accordingly changed the flag in CDAS and has kept records/audit trail while performing updates. (Communique 380 dated June 30, 2023)
54. DP has taken action on the report provided by CDSL on monthly basis wherein the mobile numbers disconnected as per MNRL are provided. DP has taken up the matter with the respective BOs. DP has wherever necessary, updated correct mobile number in the Demat account of the BO on the basis of duly signed modification letter/ form received from Bos (Refer Communique DP2023-211 dated April 03, 2023)

Online account Opening:

(Ref. SEBI Cir No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/73 dated April 24, 2020, (Communique CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/203 dated April 27, 2020) Communique CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/342 dated August 10, 2020 and CDSL/OPS/DP/POLCY/2020/444 dated October 14, 2020)

1. In case of online on-boarding of client using Aadhar based e-KYC facility, the DP is in compliance with e-KYC authentication guidelines for Resident Investor as per SEBI Circular no. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP//CIR/P/2019/123 dated November 05, 2019, SEBI/HO/MIRSD/DOP/CIR/P/2020/73 dated April 24, 2020.
2. The DP has obtained express consent of the investor before undertaking online KYC.
3. The DP has accepted only officially Valid Document (OVD) with e-sign
4. The DP has mandatorily captured Live photograph of the client with time stamping and geo-location tagging and liveness check for the accounts opened with online KYC through the Aadhaar as OVD, any other OVD or through download of KYC from KRA.
5. The DP has verified the e-sign of the client (BO) on the basis of Name, Gender, Year of Birth mentioned in the e-sign certificate and is comparing the same with the client details available in its record.
6. The DP has inserted cropped signature (cropped from a signed cancelled cheque or signature on a white paper or signature made on the screen of a device) of the BO in the

- place holders of the KYC form and displayed it to the BO before e-signing the document by BO or has obtained scanned copy/ photograph of the KYC form from the BO with his wet signature under e-sign.
7. The DP has obtained photograph/scanned copy of PAN under the e-sign of the BO or e-PAN provided by BO through Digilocker which are issued directly by issuing authority to Digilocker.
 8. In case where Bank account details could not be verified (match fails or does not return joint account holder name) by Penny Drop mechanism or any other mechanism using API of the Bank; the DP has obtained signed cancelled cheque as a photo/scan of the original under eSign of the BO.
 9. The DP has forwarded KYC completion intimation letter through registered post/ speed post or courier, to the address of the investor in cases where the investor has given address other than as given in the OVD.
 10. The DP has frozen the BO account for further transactions in the depository and intimation sent to the client on mobile number and email id or on the permanent address of the client where the investor has given address other than as given in the OVD have been returned undelivered.
 11. Proof of identity, in addition to PAN card has been taken on record, as specified under rule 2(d) of the PML rules
 12. The VIPV activity logs along with the credentials of the person performing the VIPV are maintained by the DP.
 13. The VIPV has been undertaken in a live environment.
 14. The VIPV undertaken is clear and still and the investor in the video is easily recognizable and is not covering his/her face in any manner.
 15. The VIPV process is included with random questions and response from the investor including displaying the OVD, KYC form and signature or confirmed by an OTP.
 16. The DP has ensured that photograph of the customer downloaded through the Aadhaar authentication / verification process matches with the investor in the VIPV.
 17. The VIPV has been saved in a safe, secure and tamper-proof, easily retrievable manner and shall bear date and time stamping.
 18. In cases where the proof of possession of Aadhaar number is submitted as OVD the Aadhaar number is redacted or blacked out and the DP has not stored/saved the Aadhaar number of the BO in their system.

19. The software and security audit and validation of online account opening App has been carried out before rolling out and periodically.
20. The verification process of mobile and email carried out through One Time Password (OTP) or other verifiable mechanism is included in the software and security audit and validation of account opening App.

BO Account data modifications including POA/DDPI:

1. Modification to account details is done only after accepting account modification form/letters duly signed by BO(s) except for the demographic details.
2. Modification to account details is updated in CDAS and Back-office system and intimated to the BO.
3. In case of Change of address, self-attested proof of address has been obtained from the BO & procedure prescribed by KRA is followed by the DP.
4. In case of change in address of the BO, confirmation letter is sent to BO at old as well as new address. DP has sent physical copy of the acknowledgement through the registered post on the registered address of the BO in case where valid email-id and / or valid mobile number is / are updated simultaneously based on the request received from the DP (Refer Communique DP2023-378 dated June 28, 2023)
5. In case of change in name of the BO, DP has followed the procedure and obtained the documents as prescribed by SEBI/CDSL & procedure prescribed by KRA is followed.
6. Rectification in the name of the BO (individuals and non-individuals) on account of typographical error at DP end is carried out as prescribed in the Communiqué 5141 and required documents are kept on records.
7. In case of change of signature of the BO (Individual or Corporate), procedure as prescribed by CDSL and SEBI is followed.
8. Mode of operation is specified correctly in the CDAS and Back-office system while effecting change in signature.
9. Change in bank account details with proof has been obtained and entered in CDAS as prescribed by SEBI and CDSL.
10. Nomination is modified / updated / captured as per CDSL guidelines.
11. Set up/ modification of Power of Attorney/DDPI is done as per CDSL guidelines.
12. DP has mandatorily registered the BO for SMART (SMS Alert) facility, at the time of setting up POA/DDPI (in case of POA/DDPI given to Broker / DP)

13. Change in case of SMS flag, caution has been exercised to check that the POA/DDPI facility is de-registered and same is intimated to the BO.
14. PAN details have been modified / updated / captured correctly in CDAS and Back-office system and procedure prescribed by KRA is followed.
15. Account modification in respect of change in email address and Mobile no. has been carried out only on the basis of the instructions received from the BO.
16. DP has sent physical copy of the acknowledgement through the registered post on the registered address of the BO in case where valid email-id and / or valid mobile number is /are updated simultaneously based on the request received from the BO (refer Communique DP2023-378 dated June 28, 2023)

Issuance of Delivery Instruction Slips (DIS):

1. The DP has issued standardized DIS as per SEBI Circular CIR/MRD/DP/ 01/2014 dated January 07, 2014 and CDSL communiqué 4488 dated June 9, 2014.
2. The DP has entered / uploaded the issuance details of DIS booklet issued to BOs in CDAS.
3. There is a control over the issue of instruction slips to the BOs e.g. proper records of instruction slip serial numbers vis-à-vis account number. (DIS issue register and Back-office system).
4. There is a proper inventory control mechanism for instruction slip booklets.
5. The physical inventory is tallied with the inventory records at prescribed intervals.
6. The first instruction slip booklet is being issued as per the procedure prescribed for the same.
7. In case of first instruction slip booklet is not issued to the BO, (only in case where BO has given power of attorney to CM or PMS Manager), consent of the BO has been obtained for the same.
8. Instructions slips have been issued to the BO for the account under BSDA as per SEBI guidelines.
9. There is a system to issue delivery instruction booklets to the BOs based ONLY on the requisition slip which forms part of the earlier issued instruction slip booklet and is signed by all account holders.
10. Signature of BO in the CDAS system and Back-office software, matches with the requisition slip and issuance register.

11. If any instruction slip booklet is issued on the basis of letter instead of requisition slip, the procedure prescribed under operating instructions 6.5.1.12 is followed.
12. DIS is issued on the basis of requisition slip to a person other than BO (to the bearer), signature of the bearer is attested by the BO on the requisition slip / authority letter and acknowledgement is obtained for the receipt of the DIS booklet.
13. Requisition slip has pre-stamped BOID and pre-printed instruction slip serial number range / booklet no. of the DIS booklet of which it forms a part.
14. The DIS issued to BOs have pre-stamped BO ID and pre-printed serial number.
15. Issuance of loose delivery slips to BOs, if any, is as per the procedure prescribed by SEBI / CDSL.
16. The DP has not issued more than 10 loose DIS to any account holder in a financial year (April to March).
17. The DP has captured details of Undelivered DIS serial numbers in CDAS on receipt of the information. (Refer communiqué 5327)
18. DP has delivered the DIS booklet at the registered address of the BO, if request for issuance of the DIS booklet is received in an inactive / dormant account. Also such issuance of DIS is authorized by the Compliance Officer or any other designated senior official of the DP.

Execution of Instruction Slips (DIS):

1. There is a system to verify the instruction slip number against the issue details at the time of receipt from the BO
2. There is a system for blocking DIS serial numbers that are already used or reported lost/misplaced/stolen.
3. There is a system to ensure that DIS having transactions with value more than Rs. 5 lakhs are verified by a senior official and additionally checked by another employee (two step verification).
4. The DP has systems and procedures to double check transactions originating from dormant accounts as a risk containment measure and DP verifies transactions originating from dormant accounts independently with the account holders before execution and records the details of verification on instruction slip (O.I - 6.5.4.9)
5. All debit transactions pertaining to the government securities have been executed only after receipt of authorization from the BO

6. DP does scanning and uploading of all DISs entered/executed in the system within stipulated time period and checks from DPU4 report for pendency of scanning and uploading of DIS
7. The DP uses its 'easiest' login for processing of instruction(s) at least once in a month (Note: DP does process of instruction(s) based on DIS and enters DIS serial number for files uploaded by DPs through easiest, DIS serial no. will be required.)
8. For all the transactions executed during the day, the duly signed DIS are available on record of the DP and all such DIS are scanned and uploaded in CDSL system within stipulated time period.
9. DP is following the guidelines issued through CDSL communique from time to time pertaining to using uniform/standardized reason codes/registration/adding buyer account as beneficiary under seller account while executing off-market transactions.

e-DIS Processing

1. e-DIS facility provided by DP ensures capturing all details that are otherwise being captured in physical DIS
2. An instruction given by BO through e-DIS is towards actual transfer of securities to meet obligation for a single settlement number / date
3. DP ensures that Pre-trade authorisation / Mandate is obtained from BO authorising DP to transfer specific securities for meeting on-market settlement obligation only.
4. The mandate provided by BO pertain to a single settlement number /settlement date
5. Securities transferred on basis of mandate provided by client are credited only to client's trading member pool account
6. DP has provided the facility to its client to revoke / cancel the mandate provided by them.
7. DP ensures that the mandate provided by the client is in its favour and does not authorize any assignee of the DP
8. The mandate adheres to the requirement of DP to return the securities to client that may have been transferred erroneously.
9. The mandate does not facilitate DP to transfer securities for off market trades and to execute trades in the name of client without client's consent.
10. The mandate does not facilitate the DP to open an email ID on behalf of client for receiving relevant communications.
11. The mandate does not prohibit to issue DIS to BO and also from operating the account

12. DP ensures two factor authentication of Login - Login to DP's portal with customer's own customer id and password and on successful login client to be asked for security questions for authentication.
13. The IP address / logs of device through which transaction is originated, Message logs of SMS / Emails forwarded to BOs is stored by the DP.
14. The DP has a provision of a report to check DIS given online by client.
15. DP Back Office has check to identify the transactions executed through the online portal.

Transaction Statements:

1. The details of statements of transactions generated from back office match with the statements generated from CDAS system.
2. Records for transaction statements provided to BO, giving details such as account number, date of dispatch; period for which the statement was dispatched etc. is maintained.
3. Main DP sends the statement of account (transaction/holding statement) to all BOs as per SEBI and CDSL guidelines.
4. The DP has obtained written consent of the BO, if the statements are being sent in electronic form and in accordance with guidelines prescribed by CDSL.
5. The statements of account are sent under digital signature of DP official, if sent in electronic form.

Account closure initiated by DP:

1. Notice not less than 30 days is given to the BO before closing his account, in case account closure is initiated by DP.
2. DP has followed the guidelines for online closure of demat accounts (both with nil balance and with balance i.e. transfer-cum-shifting) as per communique 311 dated July 16, 2021.

Transmissions:

1. The transmission requests are processed in accordance with the procedure prescribed by CDSL / SEBI/ PMLA like obtaining duly filled TRF and notarized /attested (by a Gazetted officer) copy of death certificate ,and processing the same within 7 days of receipt of the same etc.

2. DP is following the guidelines w.r.t. centralized mechanism for reporting the demise of an investor through KRAs as per communique no. 2023- 578 dated October 04, 2023

BO Grievances / Redressal:

1. There is a system in place to record and redress all grievances of BOs arising at the DP and at its service centres within the stipulated time of 21 days, including grievances received through e-mails, depository, and SEBI.
2. Any BO grievance was pending for more than 21days for reason other than 'pending demats' and whether the same was appropriately reported to CDSL.

Demat

DP has captured dispatch details in the demat request set up by DP and Rejection details in Webcdas (Comm 640 dt. November 02, 2023, and 682 dt. November 22, 2023)

Non Disposal Undertakings (NDUs):

1. Set-up /Modification / Termination of Non-Disposal Undertakings (NDUs) is done appropriately.

Freeze/Unfreeze Instructions:

1. Freeze/Unfreeze instructions are processed as per procedure prescribed by CDSL/SEBI (SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MRD2/DDAP/CIR/P/2020/137 dated July 24,2020)
2. Freeze instructions initiated as per statutory orders.

Pledge/Unpledge Instructions:

1. Pledge/Unpledge/hypothecation instructions are processed as per prescribed procedure.
2. Margin Pledge/Repledge instructions are processed as per the prescribed procedure.

Back Office:

1. Back-office software is being used extensively for all DP activities and all transactions are uploaded in CDAS.
2. Back office is updated daily for the transactions done on the CDAS.

Details of the Audit Firms to be provided (Mandatory requirement) :

Name of the Audit Firm conducting risk prone concurrent Audit	:	
Address of the Audit Firm	:	
Name of the Contact Person	:	
Office Phone No.	:	
Mobile No.	:	
Email id of the Firm	:	
Membership No. of the Auditor	:	
NISM – DOCE / CPE Certificate no. [of any one person conducting the risk prone concurrent audit] name of the person to be mentioned. (Refer Communique DP2023-211 dated April 03, 2023)	:	
Date till which certificate is valid	:	DD-MMM-YYYY

Stamp/Seal & Signature of the Concurrent Auditors : _____

Date:

Management Comments : _____

Stamp and Signature of the Depository Participant : _____ **Date:** _____