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ENHANCEMENTS INTRODUCED IN THE CDAS FREEZE & UNFREEZE MODULE

The enhancements have been introduced to capture and display the details of regulatory orders related to Freeze and Unfreeze actions initiated based on directions received from regulatory authorities.

In cases where a Beneficial Owner (BO) approaches the Depository Participant (DP) or CDSL for clarification or requests the unfreezing of an account, the application screen will display the relevant regulatory order details, such as the issuing authority, order date, order type, and authority name (where applicable). This will enable the DP and CDSL to readily identify the basis on which the Freeze or Unfreeze action was initiated.

These enhancements are intended to improve operational efficiency, ensure traceability of regulatory actions, facilitate quicker verification of regulatory instructions, and enable timely and seamless resolution of BO queries and requests.

DPs are advised to refer to the updated UDiFF Catalogue Version **3.0.1.2**

In the updated catalogues, the newly added fields are highlighted in **Yellow** in the '**Field Master**' sheet, and the detailed modifications are provided in the '**Change Log**' sheet.

Freeze/Unfreeze by Maker/Checker

1. Freeze by Maker/Checker

Navigation:

CDAS → Freeze & Unfreeze → CDSL Setup → Setup/Modify by Maker/Checker

The Freeze Setup screen has been enhanced to capture additional regulatory information required for processing freeze requests. The following changes have been implemented:

1.1 Authority Details

A new field '**Authority Details**' has been introduced to capture the details of the authority issuing the freeze instruction. This field shall be available for all Regulatory freeze/Statutory freeze Reason Codes and will be optional while processing freeze requests.

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Parameter	Details
Field Name	Authority Details
Field Type	Free Text
Mandatory	No
Maximum Length	200 Characters
Special Characters Allowed	Commas (,)
Applicable For	BO Level Freeze and BO-ISIN Level Freeze

1.2 Order Date

A new mandatory field '**Order Date**' has been introduced to capture the date of the regulatory order based on which the freeze request is initiated.

Parameter	Details
Field Name	Order Date
Mandatory	Yes
Validation	- The date should be current date / can be past date. - It should not be the future date. - Freeze expiry date cannot be business holiday.

1.3 Type of Order

A new mandatory field '**Type of Order**' has been introduced to capture the nature of the regulatory order under which the freeze is being initiated.

This field shall be displayed only when the **Freeze Reason Code** selected is '**3-Regulatory Freeze.**'

The following values shall be available for selection:

- Interim Order
- Final Order
- Confirmatory Order
- SAT Order
- NOA - Notice of Attachment
- Revocation Order



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1.4 Other Regulatory Authority

A new **Freeze Reason Code** namely '**Other Regulatory Authority**' has been introduced. Standard value is RGA for upload where as code 99 is to be used during live freeze.

Upon selection of this reason code, an additional field '**Authority Name**' shall be displayed to capture the name of the concerned regulatory authority.

Parameter	Details
Field Name	Authority Name
Mandatory	Yes
Maximum Length	100 Characters
Allowed Special Characters	Hyphen (-), Slash (/), Underscore (_)

2. Unfreeze by Maker/Checker

Navigation:

CDAS → Freeze & Unfreeze → Unfreeze → Unfreeze by Maker/Checker

The Unfreeze screen has been enhanced to display the information already captured at the time of Freeze and to capture additional details pertaining to the unfreeze order. The enhancements are as under:

2.1 Authority Details

The **Authority Details** already captured during the Freeze process shall be displayed during Unfreeze for reference purposes only.

This field shall be displayed in **read-only mode** and shall not be editable.

Parameter	Details
Field Name	Authority Details
Display Mode	Read Only

2.2 Unfreeze Order Date

A new mandatory field '**Unfreeze Order Date**' has been introduced to capture the date of the order based on which the unfreeze request is initiated.

The system will validate the entered date as per the following conditions:



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Validation	Requirement
Future Date	Not Allowed
Past Date	Allowed
Minimum Date	Freeze Order Date
Maximum Date	Current Business/System Date

2.3 Unfreeze Type of Order

The **Type of Order** captured during the Freeze process shall continue to be displayed in **read-only mode** for reference.

In addition, a new mandatory field '**Unfreeze Type of Order**' has been introduced to capture the nature of the order under which the unfreeze is being carried out.

The following values shall be available for selection:

- Final Order
- Confirmatory Order
- SAT Order
- Release Order (Notice of Attachment)
- Revocation Order

Note:

- The **Freeze Type of Order** shall continue to remain visible in **read-only mode**.
- "Freeze type of Order" and "Unfreeze type of order" values will be printed in same field i.e., "Type of Order" for the freeze and unfreeze records respectively in upload and COD format of UDIFF.
- "Order date" and "Unfreeze Order date" values will be printed in same field i.e., "Order date" for the freeze and unfreeze records respectively in upload and COD format of UDIFF.



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2.4 Authority Name

Where the **Freeze Reason Code** selected during Freeze is '**Other Regulatory Authority**,' the corresponding **Authority Name** captured at the time of Freeze shall be displayed during the Unfreeze process.

Both the **Freeze Reason Code** and **Authority Name** shall be displayed in **read-only mode** and shall not be editable.

The updated UDiFF Catalogue can be downloaded from the following link:

https://www.cdslindia.com/downloads/DP/Harmonization/UDiFF%20Catalogue_V3.0.1.2.xlsx

DPs are advised to verify the above changes, incorporate the necessary modifications in their back-office software/applications, wherever applicable.

Queries regarding this communiqué may be addressed to CDSL – Helpdesk: through e-mail on dprtasupport@cdslindia.com you can also connect through: 022 6234 3064/3068/3071/3097/3066

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