RBI allows non-resident individuals and entities with Special Rupee Vostro Accounts to invest their surplus funds in Treasury Bills

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) vide its **Notification No. RBI/2025-26/72 dated August 12, 2025**, has allowed non-resident individuals and entities with Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVAs) to invest their surplus funds in Central Government Securities, including Treasury Bills. This measure, effective immediately, is designed to facilitate international trade settlements in Indian Rupees.

The directive amends existing foreign exchange management regulations vide <u>Notification No. FEMA. 396/2019-RB dated October 17, 2019</u>, as well as <u>Notification No. FEMA. 5(R)/2016-RB dated April 01, 2016</u>, and has been incorporated into the <u>Master Direction – Reserve Bank of India (Non-resident Investment in Debt Instruments) Directions, 2025, dated January 07, 2025</u>.

This move provides a new avenue for foreign entities to utilize their rupee balances, potentially increasing demand for government debt instruments. The RBI has instructed all Authorised Dealer Category-I banks to inform their clients about the changes.

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