SEBI Extends Compliance to Digital Accessibility Circular on Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) vide its Circular No. SEBI/HO/ITD-1/ITD_VIAP/P/CIR/2025/121 dated August 29, 2025, has extended the compliance timelines for its Digital Accessibility Circular, which was originally published on July 31, 2025. This decision was made in response to requests from various Regulated Entities (REs) who needed more time to meet the requirements.

The circular extends several key deadlines: the submission of initial compliance reports and a list of digital platforms are both moved from August 30, 2025, to September 30, 2025. The deadline for appointing an accessibility professional as an auditor is extended from September 14, 2025, to December 14, 2025.

Further, audits for digital platforms now have a new deadline of April 30, 2026, extended from October 31, 2025. Additionally, the deadline for remediating audit findings is now July 31, 2026. The circular also updates the reporting authority for Investment Advisers (IAs) and Research Analysts (RAs) from BASL and SEBI, respectively, to BSE Ltd.

This change centralizes the reporting for these entities, aiming to streamline the compliance process.

Link - https://www.sebi.gov.in/legal/circulars/aug-2025/extension-of-timelines-and-update-of-reporting-authority-for-ias-and-ras-w-r-t-sebi-circular-for-compliance-to-digital-accessibility-circular-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-act-2016-and-rules-96353.html