



PREVENTION OF MONEY LAUNDERING (PMLA) POLICY



# 1. INTRODUCTION:

This Policy has been framed by **NIFTY ONLY** in order to comply with the applicable Anti Money Laundering (AML) Standards/ Combating the Financing of Terrorism (CFT) /Obligations of Securities Market Intermediaries under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under.

The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 (PMLA) was brought into force with effect from 1st July, 2005. As per PMLA, every banking company, financial institution (which includes chit fund company, a cooperative bank, a housing finance institution and a nonbanking financial company) and intermediary (which includes a stock-broker, sub-broker, share transfer agent, banker to an issue, trustee to a trust deed, registrar to an issue, merchant banker, underwriter, portfolio manager, investment adviser and any other intermediary associated with securities market and registered under section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992 shall have to maintain a record of all the transactions; the nature and value of which has been prescribed in the Rules notified under the PMLA.

For the purpose of PMLA, transactions include:

- i. All cash transactions of the value of more than Rs 10 lakhs or its equivalent in foreign currency.
- ii. All series of cash transactions integrally connected to each other which have been valued below Rs 10 lakhs or its equivalent in foreign currency, such series of transactions within one calendar month.
- iii. All transactions involving receipts by non-profit organizations of value more than rupees ten lakh, or its equivalent in foreign currency;
- iv. All cash transactions where forged or counterfeit currency notes or bank notes have been used as genuine or where any forgery of a valuable security or a document has taken place facilitating the transactions.
- v. All suspicious transactions whether or not made in cash and including, inter-alia, credits or debits into from any non-monetary account such as Demat account, security account maintained by the registered intermediary.

For the purpose of suspicious transactions reporting, apart from 'transactions integrally connected', 'transactions remotely connected or related' need to be considered.

"Suspicious transactions" means a transaction whether or not made in cash which to a person acting in good faith –

- a. gives rise to a reasonable ground of suspicion that it may involve the proceeds of crime; or
- b. appears to be made in circumstances of unusual or unjustified complexity or
- c. appears to have no economic rationale or bonafide purpose.

#### 2. POLICY OBJECTIVES:

- To have a proper Customer Due Diligence (CDD) process before registering individual and non-individual clients (hereinafter also refer to as clients)
- To monitor/maintain records of all cash transactions of the value of more than Rs.10 lacs in foreign currency.



- To maintain records of all series of integrally connected cash transactions within one calendar month.
- To monitor and report suspicious transactions.
- To discourage and identify money laundering or terrorist financing activities.
- To take adequate and appropriate measures to follow the spirit of the PMLA.

#### 3. SCOPE:

To be in compliance with these obligations, **NIFTY ONLY** is fully committed to establish appropriate policies and procedures for the prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing and ensuring their effectiveness and compliance with all relevant legal and regulatory requirements.

These policies and procedures (with amendments from time to time) apply to all employees of **NIFTY ONLY** and is to be read in conjunction with the existing guidelines. The following procedures have been established to ensure that all employees know the identity of their customers and take appropriate steps to combat money laundering.

It is obligatory for every employee, at all levels, to go through this Policy, understand the provisions, and co-operate in the implementation of the procedures. For any clarifications on this subject, at any point of time, the employees should contact the Compliance Officer of the firm or the Principal Officer as per the Act.

#### 4. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY:

#### PRINCIPAL OFFICER:

As per the requirement of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, a Principal Officer is appointed. **Mr. Yatin K. Shah**, is appointed as the **Principal Officer**. He shall act as a central reference point in facilitating onward reporting of suspicious transactions and for playing an active role in the identification and assessment of potentially suspicious transactions and shall have access to and be able to report to senior management at the next reporting level or the Board of Directors. Illustrative duties of Principal Officer will be as follows:

- Monitoring the implementation of Anti Money Laundering Policy
- Timely reporting of transactions and sharing of information as required under the law
- Liasoning with law enforcement agencies
- Providing clarifications to staff members on the provisions of the Act, Rules, Guidelines and the
  policy of the firm.

#### **DESIGNATED PARTNER:**

The firm has nominated **Mr. Yatin K. Shah**, as the Designated Partner of the Firm under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002 and Rules framed there under who shall be responsible for ensuring overall compliance with the obligations imposed under chapter IV of the Act and the Rules.



# 5. PROCEDURES TO COMBAT MONEY LAUNDERING & TERRORIST FINANCING:

The Customer Due Diligence Process includes four specific parameters:

- A. Policy for Acceptance of Clients
- B. Client Identification Procedure
- C. Other Due Diligence
- D. Suspicious Transactions identification, monitoring & reporting.

### A. CUSTOMER ACCEPTANCE POLICY:

The Customer Acceptance norms specified herein below shall be applicable to clients sourced directly by employees of **NIFTY ONLY** and also with regard to clients sourced through Channel Partners, Marketing agents, Distributors, Independent Financial Advisors etc. of **NIFTY ONLY**.

All persons sourcing clients on behalf of **NIFTY ONLY** shall be required to adhere to the requirements specified herein below that are aimed to identify the types of clients that are likely to pose a higher than the average risk of money laundering or terrorist financing:

**In-person verification:** In person verification (the "IPV") shall be mandatory for all clients. Accounts shall be opened only for those persons whose in-person verification has been done as per the SEBI/Stock Exchange/Depository or other regulations in this regard.

The client should visit the branch of **NIFTY ONLY** or Distributor or through video conferencing; the authorised official may visit the client at the residence/office to complete the in-person verification procedures.

The IPV of every client shall also be done through video verification and the same video shall be saved on cloud of the firm for future reference.

However if the firm cannot personally verify the NRI Client, the firm / KYC team shall ensure the photocopies of all the KYC documents/ Proofs and PAN Card are attested by Indian Embassy or Consulate General in the country where the NRI resides. The attesting authority affixes a "Verified with Originals" stamp on the said documents. The photocopies of the KYC documents and PAN Card should be signed by NRI. If the NRI comes in person to open the account, the above attestation required may be waived.

- **1. KYC Procedures**: Accept only clients in respect of whom complete KYC procedures have been completed. Client's account shall not be opened in case the client fails to submit any required documents as per Customer Identification Policy below:
  - a. Documents shall be accepted as per the checklists given from time to time
  - b. Photocopies submitted by the clients shall be compulsorily verified with original
  - c. All details in the form shall be filled in by the clients without fail
  - d. There shall be no compromise on submission of mandatory information Accounts should not be opened here if the client refuses to provide information/documents.
- **2. E-KYC Authentication:** No account shall be opened for the client whose E-KYC Authentication or Yes/No Authentication for the Aadhaar number issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India fails.



- **3. Benami Accounts**: No account should be opened in a fictitious / benami name or on an anonymous basis.
- **4. Debarred Clients**: Before opening of clients' accounts, check should be done to verify whether the client's name matches with names in any of the following lists:
  - a. SEBI Debarred List
  - b. UNSC
  - c. PEP
  - d. OFAC (Office of Foreign Access and Control given by US Treasury Dept.)
  - e. FATF
  - f. Watch out Investors-www.watchoutinvestors.com
  - g. NSE Arbitration
  - h. Such other list that may be specified by the Regulators/Compliance Department from time to time.

Accounts should not be opened of client with known criminal background.

- **5.** Clients of Special Category: Due care shall be taken while accepting clients of Special Category. Clients of Special Category include but shall not be limited to the following:
  - i. Non-resident clients
  - ii. High net-worth clients
  - iii. Trust, Charities, Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and organizations receiving donations
  - iv. Companies having close family shareholdings or beneficial ownership.
  - v. Politically Exposed Persons (PEP) (i.e. Individuals who are or have been entrusted with prominent public functions in a foreign country, e.g., Heads of States or of Governments, senior politicians, senior government/judicial/military officers, senior executives of state-owned corporations, important political party officials, etc. and family members or close relatives of PEPs)
  - vi. Companies offering foreign exchange offerings
  - vii. Clients in high risk countries (i.e. where existence / effectiveness of money laundering controls is suspect where there is unusual banking secrecy, countries active in narcotics production- countries where corruption (as per Transparency International Corruption Perception Index) is highly prevalent countries against which government sanctions are applied- countries reputed to be Havens/ sponsors of international terrorism offshore financial centres, tax havens, countries where fraud is highly prevalent.
  - viii. Clients with dubious reputation as per public information available etc.
  - ix. Non face to face clients

# **Treatment of Accounts of Clients of Special Category:**

i. NRI: While opening NRI account utmost care should be exercised. While opening an NRI Repatriable or NRI Non Repatriable inter alia, following documents should be collected from the clients:

NRI Repatriable/Non Repatriable



- i. PAN Card Copy
- ii. Passport Copy
- iii. Indian Address Proof
- iv. Cancelled Cheque copy of NRE A/c
- v. PIS Permission issued from RBI.
- vi. NRI Address Proof
- vii. Bank Statement Copy.
- viii. Client Master Copy for demat account.
- ix. Tax Residency proof
- **ii. High Net worth Clients:** High net worth clients could be classified as such if at the account opening stage or during the course of the relationship, it is realized that the client's investments or the appetite for investment is high.
- **iii. Trust, Charity and NGOs**: Both public as well private, registered as well unregistered trust will have to be classified in the Special Category. Any Charitable or Nongovernmental organization or a Non-Profit Organization will be also classified herein.
- **iv.** Close family shareholdings or Beneficial Ownership: In case of close family shareholdings the objective is to understand whether the beneficiaries of two or more accounts, which may also be opened at different times are same, then both need to be marked under this special category.
- v. Politically Exposed Persons: In case of PEPs, the account should be opened only after consent of the senior management and all the required documents are collected and client should be marked as PEP in records. Where a client has been accepted and the client or beneficial owner is subsequently found to be, or subsequently becomes a PEP, registered intermediaries shall obtain senior management approval to continue the business relationship. NIFTY ONLY shall verify the sources of funds of the PEP by obtaining bank statements from time to time. Family members and close relatives of PEP should also disclose.
- **vi. Company offering foreign Exchanges:** At the account opening stage if the individual or the entity is registered foreign exchange dealer, then the same may be categorized here.
- **Client in High Risk Country:** No accounts shall be opened if received from a client who was residing in a high risk jurisdiction and may have investment proceeds which may have also originated from these counties. The list may be obtained from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) statements that identify countries that do not or insufficiently apply the FATF Recommendations, published by the FATF on its website (www.fatf-gafi.org).
- **Client with dubious Public Reputation:** If a client's reputation during the opening of the account or post opening the account is known to be not good, then the same is marked in this special category.





The parameters of risk perception in terms of the nature of business activity, location of customer and his clients, mode of payments, volume of turnover, social and financial status etc shall be captured at the account opening stage to enable categorization of customers into low, medium and high risk. **NIFTY ONLY** has indicative categories of customers which would fall into low, medium and high risk categories (Annexure I).

The list shall be updated with approvals from Compliance and Business groups. For the purpose of risk categorization, individuals/entities whose identities and sources of wealth can be easily identified and transactions in whose accounts by and large conform to the known profile, shall be categorized as low risk. Illustrative examples of low risk customers are as follows:

- Salaried employees whose salary structures are well defined;
- Government Departments and Government owned companies;
- Regulators and statutory bodies; etc.

Customers that are likely to pose a higher than average risk to **NIFTY ONLY** shall be categorized as medium or high risk depending on customer's background, nature and location of activity, country of origin, sources of funds and his client profile etc. **NIFTY ONLY** shall apply Customer Due Diligence measures based on the risk assessment, thereby requiring intensive 'due diligence' for higher risk customers, especially those for whom the sources of funds are not clear.

While the profile of the customer is captured in the account opening form, Client Profile sheet is also prepared at the account opening stage for all accounts (individual / non individual). The Client Profile sheet is an addendum to the account opening form and captures in further detail the profile of the customer, especially the expected transaction pattern of the account.

### 6. Designated Individuals/Entities:

An updated list of individuals and entities which are subject to various sanction measures such as freezing of assets/accounts, denial of financial services etc., as approved by the Security Council Committee established pursuant to various United Nations' Security Council Resolutions (UNSCRs) can be accessed at its website at <a href="http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.shtml">http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/consolist.shtml</a>;

**NIFTY ONLY** must ensure that accounts are not opened in the name of anyone whose name appears in said list. **NIFTY ONLY** shall continuously scan all existing accounts to ensure that no account is held by or linked to any of the entities or individuals included in the list. Full details of accounts bearing resemblance with any of the individuals/entities in the list shall immediately be intimated to SEBI and FIU-IND.

#### **B. CUSTOMER IDENTIFICATION POLICY:**

The following Customer Identification Norms shall be adhered to in respect of all new clients to establish the identity of the client along with firm proof of address to prevent opening of account which is fictitious/benami/anonymous in nature.

SEBI/the Stock Exchanges/the Depositories and other regulatory authorities under which **NIFTY ONLY** is governed from time to time specify various KYC norms/guidelines that have to be adhered to in order to be able to Identify Customers. Such Norms and guidelines should be followed scrupulously at the time of customer acceptance.





Further given below is a list of Basic Requirements to be obtained from Individual and non-individual clients at the time of account opening.

# **Proof of Identity (POI):**

Every client would be identified based on only photo identity as prescribed under applicable KYC norms. The PAN Card is mandatory. Other Identity proofs which might be collected for verification are as under:

- Aadhaar
- Passport
- Voter ID Card
- Driving license
- 1. If an Aadhaar number has not been assigned, proof of application towards enrolment for Aadhaar and in case Permanent Account Number is not submitted an officially valid document shall be submitted. Where the client is an individual, who is not eligible to be enrolled for an Aadhaar number, he shall for the purpose of sub-rule (1), submit to the reporting entity, the Permanent Account Number or Form No. 60 as defined in the Income-tax Rules, 1962.

Provided that if the client does not submit the Permanent Account Number, he shall submit one certified copy of an 'officially valid document' containing details of his identity and address, one recent photograph and such other documents including in respect of the nature or business and financial status of the client as may be required by the reporting entity.

# **Proof of Address (POA):**

The address of the Client would be verified from one of the following:

- I. Ration card
- II. Passport
- III. Voter ID Card
- IV. Driving license
- V. Bank passbook / Bank Statement
- VI. Unique Identification Number (UID) (Aadhaar Card)
- VII. Verified copies of a) Electricity bills (**not more than three months old**), b) Residence Telephone bills (**not more than three months old**) and c) Leave and License agreement / Agreement for sale.

  VIII. Self-declaration by High Court & Supreme Court judges, giving the new address in respect of their own accounts.

### **CLIENT DUE DILIGENCE (CDD)**

The CDD measures comprise the following:

a) Obtaining sufficient information in order to identify persons who beneficially own or control the securities account. Whenever it is apparent that the securities acquired or maintained through an account are beneficially owned by a party other than the client, that party shall be identified using client identification and verification procedures. The beneficial owner is the natural person or persons who ultimately own, control or influence a client and/or persons on whose behalf a transaction is



being conducted. It also incorporates those persons who exercise ultimate effective control over a legal person or arrangement

- b) Verify the client's identity using reliable, independent source documents, data or information
- c) Identify beneficial ownership and control, i.e. determine which individual(s) ultimately own(s) or control(s) the client and/or the person on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted.

# In case of Non-Individuals, additional documents to be obtained from non- individuals, over & above the POI & POA, as mentioned below:

- i. Corporate
  - Copy of the balance sheets for the last 2 financial years.
  - Copy of latest share holding pattern including list of all those holding control, either directly or indirectly, in the company in terms of SEBI takeover Regulations, duly certified by the company secretary/Whole time director/MD.
  - Photograph, POI, POA, PAN and DIN numbers of whole time directors/two directors in charge of day to day operations.
  - Photograph, POI, POA, PAN of individual promoters holding control either directly or indirectly.
  - Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association and certificate of incorporation.
  - Copy of the Board Resolution for investment in securities market.
  - Authorised signatories list with specimen signatures.
  - Certified copies of Aadhaar and PAN or Form 60 as defined in Income Tax Act, 1962, issued to managers, officers or employees holding an attorney to transact on the firm's behalf, if an Aadhaar number has not been assigned, proof of application towards enrolment for Aadhaar or officially valid document shall be submitted and in case Permanent Account Number is not submitted an officially valid document shall be submitted. Provided that for the purpose of this clause if the managers, officers or employees holding an attorney to transact on the firm 's behalf are not eligible to be enrolled for Aadhaar number and do not submit the Permanent Account Number, certified copy of an officially valid document shall be submitted.

#### ii. Partnership firm

- Copy of the balance sheets for the last 2 financial years.
- Certificate of registration (for registered partnership firms only).
- Copy of partnership deed.
- Authorised signatories list with specimen signatures.
- Photograph, POI, POA, PAN of Partners.
- Certified copies of i) Aadhaar and ii) PAN or Form 60 as defined in Income Tax Act, 1962, issued to the person holding an attorney to transact on its behalf, if an Aadhaar number has not been assigned, proof of application towards enrolment for Aadhaar or officially valid document shall be submitted and in case Permanent Account Number is not submitted an officially valid document shall be submitted. Provided that for the purpose of this clause, if the person holding an attorney to transact on the firm 's behalf is not eligible to be enrolled for Aadhaar number and does not submit the Permanent Account Number, certified copy of an officially valid document shall be submitted.



#### iii. Trust

- Copy of the balance sheets for the last 2 financial years.
- Certificate of registration (for registered trust only).
- Copy of Trust deed.
- List of trustees certified by managing trustees/CA.
- Photograph, POI, POA, PAN of Trustees.
- Certified copies of Aadhaar and PAN or Form 60 as defined in Income Tax Act, 1962, issued to the person holding an attorney to transact on its behalf, if an Aadhaar number has not been assigned, proof of application towards enrolment for Aadhaar or officially valid document shall be submitted and in case Permanent Account Number is not submitted an officially valid document shall be submitted. Provided that for the purpose of this clause if the person holding an attorney to transact on the firm 's behalf is not eligible to be enrolled for Aadhaar number and does not submit the Permanent Account Number, certified copy of an officially valid document shall be submitted.

#### iv. HUF

- PAN of HUF.
- Deed of declaration of HUF/ List of coparceners.
- Bank pass-book/bank statement in the name of HUF.
- Photograph, POI, POA, PAN of Karta.

### v. Unincorporated association or a body of individuals

- Proof of Existence/Constitution document.
- Resolution of the managing body & Power of Attorney granted to transact business on its behalf.
- Authorized signatories list with specimen signatures.
- Certified copies of Aadhaar and PAN or Form 60 as defined in Income Tax Act, 1962, issued to the person holding an attorney to transact on its behalf, if an Aadhaar number has not been assigned, proof of application towards enrolment for Aadhaar or officially valid document shall be submitted and in case Permanent Account Number is not submitted an officially valid document shall be submitted. Provided that for the purpose of this clause if the person holding an attorney to transact on the firm's behalf is not eligible to be enrolled for Aadhaar number or officially valid document shall be submitted and does not submit the Permanent Account Number, certified copy of an officially valid document shall be submitted.

# vi. Banks/Institutional Investors

- Copy of the constitution/registration or annual report/balance sheet for the last 2 financial years.
- Authorized signatories list with specimen signatures.

### vii. Foreign Institutional Investors (FII)

- Copy of SEBI registration certificate.
- Authorized signatories list with specimen signatures.





# viii. Army/ Government Bodies

- Self-certification on letterhead.
- Authorized signatories list with specimen signatures.

# ix. Registered Society

- Copy of Registration Certificate under Societies Registration Act.
- List of Managing Committee members.
- Committee resolution for persons authorised to act as authorised signatories with specimen signatures.
- True copy of Society Rules and Bye Laws certified by the Chairman/Secretary

# Basic KYC Norms to be followed for verification / scrutiny

- a) The photograph in the PAN card and in any other address proof which contains a photograph must match. This should be followed to ensure that no account is opened in anonymous or fictitious names.
- b) As per SEBI, Depository, Exchange guidelines, all Address and Identification proofs, should be verified with the originals by any of the employee of **NIFTY ONLY**. Care should be taken that the employee, who is verifying the copies of the proofs, should be competent to do the same.
- c) In-Person verification of Applicant (s) made compulsory as per Exchanges and Depository norms should be done by an employee of **NIFTY ONLY** or Distributor or through video conferencing as specified by the Regulators from time to time. The person conducting verification should visit the address provided by the applicant (s) and complete in person verification.
- d) Proof should be collected for both permanent address and correspondence address and the same should be verified with originals.
- e) Notwithstanding the above, the firm should prohibit doing business with any individual or entity whose identity cannot be determined or who refuses to provide information or who have provided information that contains significant inconsistencies which cannot be resolved after due investigation.
- f) Verify whether any of the existing Client or new Applicant, falls within the UN sanction list and/or is debarred by SEBI from dealing in securities. In this case, if any of the existing Client falls in either of the categories, the said Client would be suspended from trading immediately & the matter would be reported to the concerned Regulatory Authority if required. In case of new applicant falling within the category, such account should not be opened. Clients name in the regulatory orders issued by the exchanges on a day to day basis should be barred from trading with immediate effect.
- g) In case of Non Resident clients, remittance only from authorized banking channels will be accepted.





h) For 'Know Your Client' requirements in case of foreign investors viz. Foreign Institutional Investors, Sub Accounts and Qualified Foreign Investors, **NIFTY ONLY** shall be guided by the clarifications issued vide SEBI circulars CIR/MIRSD/11/2012 dated September 5, 2012 and CIR/MIRSD/07/2013 dated September 12, 2013, for the purpose of identification of beneficial ownership of the client.

#### **c.** OTHER DUE DILIGENCE:

- Any communication in respect of the Client shall be with the Client only.
- In case the client wishes to authorise a third party to give trade orders/instructions to the firm in the client's account, a duly notarized Power of Attorney/Proxy Letter shall be provided by the Client and KYC documents like Proof of Identity, Proof of Address and Relationship with the client of such authorised person shall be obtained.

The client identification criteria to be followed for various categories of non-individual as per SEBI Circular dated Jan 24, 2013; CIR/MIRSD/2/2013 is given below:

In case of Company, Partnership or Unincorporated Association/Body of Individuals, the Intermediary:

**NIFTY ONLY** shall identify the beneficial owners of the client and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of such persons, through the following information:

a. The identity of the natural person, who, whether acting alone or together, or through one or more juridical person, exercises control through ownership or who ultimately has a controlling ownership interest.

Explanation: Controlling ownership interest means ownership of/entitlement to:

- i. more than 25% of shares or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a company;
- ii. more than 15% of the capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is a partnership; or
- ii. more than 15% of the property or capital or profits of the juridical person, where the juridical person is an unincorporated association or body of individuals.
- b. In cases where there exists doubt under clause (a) above as to whether the person with the controlling ownership interest is the beneficial owner or where no natural person exerts control through ownership interests, the identity of the natural person exercising control over the juridical person through other means.

Explanation: Control through other means can be exercised through voting rights, agreement, arrangements or in any other manner.

c. Where no natural person is identified under clauses (a) or (b) above, the identity of the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official shall be considered.

#### In case client is a trust:

**NIFTY ONLY** shall identify the beneficial owners of the client and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of such persons, through the identity of the settler of the trust, the trustee, the protector, the beneficiaries with 15% or more interest in the trust and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust through a chain of control or ownership.





KYC carried out by KYC Registration Agencies registered with SEBI shall be accepted as a valid KYC for onboarding a client provided due process in relation to the same under the regulations are followed.

# D. RELIANCE ON THIRD PARTY FOR CARRYING OUT CLIENT DUE DILIGENCE (CDD)

**NIFTY ONLY** may rely on a third party for the purpose of:

- a) Identification and verification of the identity of a client and
- b) Determination of whether the client is acting on behalf of a beneficial owner, identification of the beneficial owner and verification of the identity of the beneficial owner.

Such third party shall be regulated, supervised or monitored for, and have measures in place for compliance with CDD and record-keeping requirements in line with the obligations under the PML Act.

Such reliance shall be subject to the conditions that are specified in Rule 9 (2) of the PML Rules and shall be in accordance with the regulations and circulars/ guidelines issued by SEBI from time to time. Further, it is clarified that **NIFTY ONLY** shall be ultimately responsible for CDD and undertaking enhanced due diligence measures, as applicable.

#### E. MONITORING TRANSACTIONS AND ONGOING DUE DILIGENCE AND SCRUTINY

At regular interval, ongoing due diligence and scrutiny shall be conducted i.e. perform ongoing scrutiny of the transactions and account throughout the course of the business relationship to ensure that the transactions being conducted are consistent with the Organization's knowledge of the client, its business and risk profile, taking into account, where necessary, the customer's source of funds.

NIFTY ONLY shall apply higher levels of due diligence when an account is operated by a Power of attorney holder or where an account is opened by an intermediary in fiduciary capacity.KYC documents will be taken for both the mandate holder/intermediary in fiduciary capacity and the

# F. PERIODICITY OF UPDATION OF DOCUMENTS OBTAINED DURING

**ACCOUNT OPENING**: Factors of risk perception:

account holder.

- The parameters shall enable classification of clients into low, medium and high risk. Clients of special category (as given below) may, if necessary, be classified even higher. Such clients require higher degree of due diligence and regular update of Know Your Client (KYC) profile.
- KYC exercise including but not limited to Positive confirmation (obtaining KYC related updates through e-mail / letter / etc. /Website updation) for confirming identity & address & other particulars of client.





# G. SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS IDENTIFICATION, MONITORING & REPORTING

- (i) The Suspicious Transaction Report (STR) shall be furnished within 7 days of arriving at a conclusion that any transaction, whether cash or non-cash, or a series of transactions integrally connected are of suspicious nature. The Principal Officer shall record his/her reasons for treating any transaction or a series of transactions as suspicious. It shall be ensured that there is no undue delay in arriving at such a conclusion once a suspicious transaction report is received from a branch or any other office. Such report shall be made available to the competent authorities on request.
- (ii) While determining suspicious transactions, **NIFTY ONLY** shall be guided by definition of suspicious transaction contained in the Rules as amended from time to time.
- (iii) An indicative list of suspicious activities contained is provided along with this policy. (Annexure II)
- (iv) While ensuring that there is no tipping off to the customer at any level, **NIFTY ONLY** may put restrictions on operations in the accounts where an STR has been made.
- (v) The Non Profit Organization Transaction Reports (NTRs) for each month shall be submitted to FIU- IND by 15th of the succeeding month.
- (vi) No nil reporting needs to be made to FIU-IND in case there are no cash/ suspicious/ non profit organization transactions to be reported.
- (vii) Utmost confidentiality shall be maintained in filing of CTR, STR and NTR to FIU-IND.

# SUSPICIOUS TRANSACTIONS REPORTING TO FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNITINDIA (FIU-IND)

In terms of the Rules, **NIFTY ONLY** shall report information relating to cash and suspicious transactions to the Director, Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND) in respect of transactions referred to in Rule 3 at the following address or any other address as may be specified by FIU from time to time:

Director, FIU-IND, Financial Intelligence Unit-India, 6th Floor, Hotel Samrat, Chanakyapuri,

New Delhi -110021, India Website: http://fiuindia.gov.in

# MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS OF TRANSACTIONS / INFORMATION TO BE PRESERVED

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue, vide its notification dated July 1, 2005 in the Gazette of India, has notified the Rules under the PMLA Act. In terms of the Rules, the provisions of PMLA Act, 2002 came into effect from July 1, 2005. Section 12 of the PMLA, 2002 casts certain obligations on financial institutions in regard to preservation and reporting of customer account information.

#### Maintenance of records of transactions:

**NIFTY ONLY** shall have a system of maintaining proper record of all transactions including records of all transactions prescribed under Rule 3 of the Rules, as mentioned below:



- (a) All cash transactions of the value of more than Rupees Ten Lakh or its equivalent in foreign currency;
- (b) All series of cash transactions integrally connected to each other which have been valued below Rupees Ten Lakh or its equivalent in foreign currency where such series of transactions have taken place within a month and the aggregate value of such transactions exceed Rupees Ten Lakh;
- (c) All transactions involving receipts by non-profit organisations of value more than rupees ten lakh, or its equivalent in foreign currency;

#### **Information to be preserved:**

**NIFTY ONLY** shall maintain and preserve the following information in respect of transactions referred to in Rule 3 of the Rules including all necessary information specified by the regulator to permit reconstruction of individual transactions in respect of transactions referred to in Rule 3 of the Rules:

- (a) The nature of the transactions;
- (b) The amount of the transaction and the currency in which it was denominated;
- (c) The date on which the transaction was conducted; and
- (d) The parties to the transaction.

### RETENTION OF RECORDS

In cases of any suspicion of laundered money or terrorist property, **NIFTY ONLY** shall retain the following information for the accounts of its clients in order to maintain a satisfactory audit trail:

- a) The beneficial owner of the account;
- b) The volume of the funds flowing through the account; and
- c) For selected transactions:
  - i. The origin of the funds
  - ii. The form in which the funds were offered or withdrawn, e.g. cheques, demand drafts etc.
  - iii. The identity of the person undertaking the transaction;
  - iv. The destination of the funds;
  - v. the form of instruction and authority.

**NIFTY ONLY** shall take appropriate steps to evolve a system for proper maintenance and preservation of account information in a manner that allows data to be retrieved easily and quickly whenever required or when requested by the competent authorities.

# NIFTY ONLY shall observe following document retention terms:

**NIFTY ONLY** shall maintain and preserve a records for a period of five years from the date of transaction between **NIFTY ONLY** and the client, all necessary records of transactions, both domestic or international, which will permit reconstruction of individual transactions (including the amounts and types of currency involved if any) so as to provide, if necessary, evidence for prosecution of persons involved in criminal activity.

**NIFTY ONLY** shall maintain and preserve the record of documents evidencing the identity of its clients and beneficial owner (e.g. copies or records of official identification documents like passport, identity cards, driving licenses or similar documents) as well as accounts file and business correspondence for



a period of five years after the business relationship between a client and **NIFTY ONLY** has ended or the account has been closed whichever is later.

**NIFTY ONLY** shall maintain and preserve the records of information related to transactions, whether attempted or executed, which are reported to the Director, FIU-IND, as required under Rules 7 & 8 of the PML Rules, for a period of five years from the date of the transaction between the client and the firm or until it is confirmed that the case has been closed.

# H. PROCEDURE FOR FREEZING OF FUNDS, FINANCIAL ASSETS OR ECONOMIC RESOURCES OR RELATED SERVICES

- H(1) Section 51A of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA), relating to the purpose of prevention of, and for coping with terrorist activities was brought into effect through UAPA Amendment Act, 2008. In this regard, the Central Government has issued an Order dated August 27, 2009 detailing the procedure for the implementation of Section 51A of the UAPA.
- H(2) Under the aforementioned Section, the Central Government is empowered to freeze, seize or attach funds and other financial assets or economic resources held by, on behalf of, or at the direction of the individuals or entities listed in the Schedule to the Order, or any other person engaged in or suspected to be engaged in terrorism. The Government is also further empowered to prohibit any individual or entity from making any funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services available for the benefit of the individuals or entities listed in the Schedule to the Order or any other person engaged in or suspected to be engaged in terrorism.
- H(3) **NIFTY ONLY** shall ensure effective and expeditious implementation of the procedure laid down in the UAPA Order dated August 27, 2009 as listed below:
- a) On receipt of the updated list of individuals/ entities subject to UN sanction measures (hereinafter referred to as 'list of designated individuals/ entities) from the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)' and forwarded by SEBI, **NIFTY ONLY** shall take the followings steps:
- i. **NIFTY ONLY** will maintain updated designated lists in electronic form and run a check on the given parameters on a regular basis to verify whether individuals or entities listed in the schedule to the Order (referred to as designated individuals/entities) are holding any funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services held in the form of securities with them.
- ii.In the event, particulars of any of customer/s match the particulars of designated individuals/entities, **NIFTY ONLY** shall immediately, not later than 24 hours from the time of finding out such customer, inform full particulars of the funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services held in the form of securities, held by such customer on their books to the Joint Secretary (IS.I), Ministry of Home Affairs, at Fax No.011-23092569 and also convey over telephone on 011- 23092736. The particularsapart from being sent by post should necessarily be conveyed through e- mail at jsis@nic.in.
- iii. **NIFTY ONLY** shall send the particulars of the communication mentioned in (ii) above through post/fax and through e-mail (sebi\_uapa@sebi.gov.in) to the UAPA nodal officer of SEBI, Officer on Special Duty, Integrated Surveillance Department, Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan, Plot No. C4-A, "G" Block, BandraKurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai 400 051 as well as the UAPA nodal officer of the state/UT where the account is held, as the case may be, and to FIU-IND.





- iv. In case the aforementioned details of any of the customers match the particulars of designated individuals/entities beyond doubt, **NIFTY ONLY** would prevent designated persons from conducting financial transactions, under intimation to Joint Secretary (IS.I), Ministry of Home Affairs, at Fax No. 011- 23092569 and also convey over telephone on 011-23092736. The particulars apart from being sent by post should necessarily be conveyed through e-mail at <a href="mailto:jsis@nic.in">jsis@nic.in</a>.
- v. **NIFTY ONLY** shall also file a Suspicious Transaction Report (STR) with FIU-IND covering all transactions in the accounts.
- b) On receipt of the particulars as mentioned above, IS-I Division of MHA would cause a verification to be conducted by the State Police and /or the Central Agencies so as to ensure that the individuals/entities identified by the stock exchanges, depositories, registered intermediaries are the ones listed as designated individuals/entities and the funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services, reported by stock exchanges, depositories, registered intermediaries are held by the designated individuals/entities. This verification would be completed within a period not exceeding 5 working days from the date of receipt of such particulars.
- c) In case, the results of the verification indicate that the properties are owned by or held for the benefit of the designated individuals/entities, an order to freeze these assets under section51A of the UAPA would be issued within 24 hours of such verification and conveyed electronically to the concerned depository under intimation to SEBI and FIU-IND. The order shall take place without prior notice to the designated individuals/entities.
- d) Implementation of requests received from foreign countries under U.N. Securities Council Resolution 1373 of 2001.
- i U.N. Security Council Resolution 1373 obligates countries to freeze without delay the funds or other assets of persons who commit, or attempt to commit, terrorist acts or participate in or facilitate the commission of terrorist acts; of entities or controlled directly or indirectly by such persons; and of persons and entities acting on behalf of, or at the direction of such persons and entities, including funds or other assets derived or generated from property owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such persons and associated persons and entities.
- ii. To give effect to the requests of foreign countries under U.N. Security Council Resolution 1373, the Ministry of External Affairs shall examine the requests made by the foreign countries and forward it electronically, with their comments, to the UAPA nodal officer for IS-I Division for freezing of funds or other assets.
- iii. The UAPA nodal officer of IS-I Division of MHA, shall cause the request to be examined, within five working days so as to satisfy itself that on the basis of applicable legal principles, the requested designation is supported by reasonable grounds, or a reasonable basis, to suspect or believe that the proposed designee is a terrorist, one who finances terrorism or a terrorist organization, and upon his satisfaction, request would be electronically forwarded to the nodal officer in SEBI. The proposed designee, as mentioned above would be treated as designated individuals/entities.
- iv. Upon receipt of the requests from the UAPA nodal officer of IS-I Division, the list would be forwarded to **NIFTY ONLY** and the procedure as enumerated in policy shall be followed.
- v. The freezing orders shall take place without prior notice to the designated persons involved.





- e) Procedure for unfreezing of funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services of individuals/entities inadvertently affected by the freezing mechanism upon verification that the person or entity is not a designated person
- (i) Any client, if it has evidence to prove that the freezing of funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services, owned/held by them has been inadvertently frozen, shall move an application giving the requisite evidence, in writing, to **NIFTY ONLY**.

NIFTY ONLY shall inform and forward a copy of the application together with full details of the asset frozen given by any individual or entity informing of the funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services have been frozen inadvertently, to the nodal officer of IS-I Division of MHA as per the contact details given in paragraph 6.3 sub paragraph (ii) above within two working days. The Joint Secretary (IS-I), MHA, being the nodal officer for (IS-I) Division of MHA, shall cause such verification as may be required on the basis of the evidence furnished by the individual/entity and if he is satisfied, he shall pass an order, within fifteen working days, unfreezing the funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services, owned/held by such applicant under intimation to the concerned stock exchanges, depositories and NIFTY ONLY. However, if it is not possible for any reason to pass an order unfreezing the assets within fifteen working days, the nodal officer of IS-I Division shall inform the applicant.

f) Communication of Orders under section 51A of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. All Orders under section 51A of the UAPA relating to funds, financial assets or economic resources or related services, would be communicated to stock exchanges, depositories and **NIFTY ONLY** through SEBI.

#### EMPLOYEES' TRAINING / EMPLOYEES' HIRING/ INVESTORS EDUCATION:

**NIFTY ONLY** shall have an ongoing employee training programme so that the members of the staff are adequately trained in KYC/AML procedures and fully understand the rationale behind the KYC/AML policies and implement them consistently.

Further, Compliance department should periodically sensitize the staffs with regards to compliance norms and the amendments in law from time to time.

KYC norms / AML standards / CFT measures have been prescribed to ensure that criminals are not allowed to misuse our infrastructure. It should therefore, be necessary that adequate screening mechanism is put in place by the firm as an integral part of their recruitment / hiring process of personnel. The Human Resources department confirms the previous employment details given by the employee with prior employer.

Implementation of AML/CFT measures requires intermediaries to demand certain information from investors which may be of personal nature or has hitherto never been called for. Such information can include documents evidencing source of funds/income tax returns/bank records etc.

#### **REVIEW:**

The policy and procedures on the prevention of anti-money laundering and terrorist financing shall be reviewed annually to ensure their effectiveness in accordance with regulatory changes.

Further, in order to ensure the effectiveness of policies and procedures, the person doing such a review shall be different from the one who has framed such policies and procedures.





### **ANNEXURE I**

# RISK CATEGORISATION FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF INDIVIDUALS

Type	Recommended Risk	Risk Perception	
	Categorisation		
Salaried	Low risk	Source on income is fixed and pattern of entries in the account can be correlated with known sources of income/ expenditure.	
Senior citizens	Medium / High Risk	Source of income for trading related purposes not known clearly. May be operated by third parties.	
House-wife	Medium / High Risk	Source of income for trading related purposes not known clearly. May be operated by third parties.	
Self	Low risk (except	Accounts maintained by Chartered	
Employed-	professionals associated with the film industry	Accountants, Architects, Doctors, Lawyers, Sportsmen, etc.	
Professionals/	who will be categorized		
Businessmen	"Medium" risk).		
Non Resident Individuals	Low / Medium risk	Transactions are regulated through AuthoriseDealers and the accounts are opened only after IPV. In case an IPV is not performed and we have relied on documentation submitted by the client, the account would be categorised as medium risk.	
Politicall y Exposed Person	High Risk	PEP, their family and close relatives shall be considered high risk client.	

**NOTE:** If any of the above accounts are operated by Power of Attorney (POA) holder/mandate holder, then the account will be categorized as "High Risk".

# RISK CATEGORISATION FOR ACCOUNTS IN THE NAME OF NON- NDIVIDUALS

Risk categorization of Non Individual customers can be done basis:

**A.** TypeofEntity **B.**Industry; **C.** Country of Domicile

A. Type of Entity



Туре	Recommended Risk Categorisation	Risk Perception	
Private Ltd/Public Ltd Companies	Low / Medium / High risk	Depending on the clarity of the shareholding structure and the nature of operations, such companies would be classified.	
Local Authorities or Public Bodies	Low Risk	These types of entities are governed by specific Acts, Notifications etc framed by the Government of India or the State Govt and are controlled and run by the Govt.	
MutualFunds/Scheduled	Low Risk	These entities are strictly regulated by their respective regulators.	
Commercial Banks/Insurance Companies/Financial Institutions			
Partnership Firm	Low / Medium / High risk	Depending on the clarity of the shareholding structure and the nature of operations, such entities would be classified. Such classifications shall be decided post the review of the compliance Officer	
Trusts – Publi c Charitable Trust	Medium / High Risk	Depending on the clarity of the beneficial ownership and the nature of operations, such entities would be classified. Such classifications shall be decided post the review of the compliance officer	
Hindu Undivided Family (HUF)	Medium Risk	These are unregistered bodies and the pattern of entries in the account may not be correlated with known sources of income/expenditure.	
Societies / Associations /Clubs	High Risk (except 'Housing Societies' which will be categorized as "Low"risk).	These are not highly regulated entities and the pattern of entries in the account may not be correlated with known sources of income/expenditure.	
Trusts – Private Trust	High Risk	These may be unregistered trusts and the pattern of entries in the account may not be correlated with known sources of income/expenditure.	





Co-operative Banks	High Risk	These are not highly regulated entities.
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# B & C. Basis Industry and Country of Domicile

Risk Category	Industry	<b>Country of Domicile</b>
High	The Risk categorization is dependent on	
	industries which are inherently High	
	Risk or may exhibit high cash intensity,	
	as below:	
	Arms Dealer	
	Money Changer	
	ExchangeHouses	
	Gems / Jewellery / Precious metals /	
	Bullion dealers (including sub-	
	dealers) Real EstateAgents	
	Construction	
	Offshore Corporation	
	Art/antique dealers	
	Restaurant/Bar/casino/night club	
	Import/Export agents (traders; goods not	
	used for own manufacturing/retailing) Share	
	& Stock broker	
	Finance Companies	
	(NBFC) Transport	
	Operators	
	Auto dealers (used/ reconditioned	
	vehicles/motorcycles)	
	Scrap metal dealers	
	Liquor distributorship	
	Commodities middlemen	
	Co-operative Banks	
	Car/Boat/Plane dealerships/brokers	
	Multi-Level Marketing (MLM)	
Medium	None	NA
Low	All other industries	NA

# **Notes:**

- 1. Higher Risk Categorization derived from either A or B or C shall be the applicable risk categorization for theaccount.
- 2. Lowering of risk classification shall be carried out by the Compliance officer. This shall be done only where adequate justifications can be provided and the same are mentioned along with the account opening form.





### **ANNEXURE II:**

#### AN INDICATIVE LIST OF SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES:

Whether a particular transaction is suspicious or not will depend upon the background details of the client, details of the transactions and other facts and circumstances. Followings are the circumstances, which may be in the nature of suspicious transactions: -

- a. Clients whose identity verification seems difficult or clients appears not to co-operate;
- b. Asset management services for clients where the source of the funds is not clear or not in keeping with clients apparent standing/businessactivity;
- c. Clients in high-risk jurisdictions or clients introduced by banks or affiliates or other clients based in high risk jurisdictions;
- d. Substantial increases in business volume without apparent cause;
- e. Off market transactions in the DP account of the clients;
- f. High exposures taken by client as compared to income levels informed byclients.
- g. Unusual transactions by "High risk status" and businesses undertaken by shell corporations offshore banks /financial services, businesses reported to be in the nature of export-import of small items.
- h. Clients whose turnover is disproportionate with the annual income/Net worth provided in KYC.
- i. High value transactions in a new or dormantaccount
- j. Client offered false or forged identification documents
- k. Adverse media report about criminal activities of Client
- I. Adverse media report about TF or terrorist activities of Client
- m. Client provides inconsistent information
- n. Client could not explain source of funds.
- o. Transaction is unnecessarily complex.
- p. Transaction has no economic rationale.
- q. Transaction inconsistent with Client Profile
- r. Alert raised by Business Associate
- s. Alert raised by other institution, subsidiaries or business associates including cross-border referral