

FEMA Alert on Foreign Investment Reporting

Foreign Investment in India – Reporting in Single Master Form

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), with the objective of integrating the various reporting structures of foreign investment in India, has introduced a Single Master Form (SMF). The SMF would be required to be filed online and would provide a facility for reporting total foreign investment in an Indian entity. SMF would substitute the requirement of individual reporting's currently being done through Form FC-GPR, FC-TRS, LLP-I, LLP-II, ESOP, CN and DRR. The requirement of submitting annual statement of foreign liabilities and assets ('FLA') with RBI by 15 July of every year, shall, however, continue.

Prior to the implementation of SMF, RBI would provide an interface to the Indian entities to input the data on total foreign investment in a specified format called Entity Master File (EMF). The interface will be available on RBI's website (www.rbi.org.in) from June 28, 2018 to July 12, 2018. Indian entities not complying with this pre-requisite will not be able to receive foreign investment and will be considered non-compliant with Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 and regulations made thereunder.

Considering the limited window of 15 days for filing EMF and the severe consequences attached to non-filing, Indian entities having foreign investment must prepare to submit the information timely.

Please [Click Here](#) to view the format of Entity Master File issued by RBI.

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