

Circular No.: NSDL/POLICY/2022/166

November 28, 2022

Subject: Modification in Cyber Security and Cyber resilience framework for Depository Participants

Attention of Participants is invited to NSDL Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2022/083 dated June 13, 2022 issued with reference to the SEBI Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/TPD/P/CIR/2022/80 dated June 07, 2022 regarding modification in Cyber Security and Cyber resilience framework for Stock Brokers / Depository Participants.

As per modified para 42 prescribed under SEBI Circular SEBI/HO/MIRSD/TPD/P/CIR/2022/80 dated June 07, 2022: -

“Stock Brokers / Depository Participants shall conduct VAPT at least once in a financial year. All Stock Brokers / Depository Participants are required to engage only CERT-In empaneled organizations for conducting VAPT. The final report on said VAPT shall be submitted to the Stock Exchanges / Depositories after approval from Technology Committee of respective Stock Brokers / Depository Participants, within 1 month of completion of VAPT activity.”

With respect to the above provision, it may be noted that Participants are required to carry out VAPT on or before December 15, 2022 for FY 2022-23 and submit the VAPT report on said VAPT within one month from the date of completion of VAPT after approval from Technology Committee of respective Participants. Participants are requested to email the VAPT report to NSDL at vapt-nsdl@nsdl.co.in.

Further, Participants are requested to fix all the vulnerabilities reported in the VAPT and conduct revalidation assessment and submit the report to NSDL on or before March 25, 2023. It may be noted that the revalidation VAPT report should be submitted to NSDL after approval from Technology Committee of respective Participants. Participants are requested to email the VAPT report to NSDL at vapt-nsdl@nsdl.co.in.

Further, Participants are required to conduct VAPT by August – September of every financial year and the final report on said VAPT shall be required to be submitted to NSDL within one month from the date of completion of VAPT after approval from Technology Committee of respective Participants.



Participants are requested to take note of the above and ensure compliance.

For and on behalf of

National Securities Depository Limited

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Manager**

FORTHCOMING COMPLIANCE			
Particulars	Deadline	Manner of sending	Reference
Investor Grievance Report (Monthly)	By 10th of the following month.	Through e-PASS	Circular No. NSDL/POLICY/2015/0096 dated October 29, 2015

