

**EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE 92<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NATIONAL SECURITIES DEPOSITORY LIMITED HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024, AT 01.00 P.M. AT 6TH FLOOR, NAMAN CHAMBERS, G BLOCK, PLOT NO- C-32, BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, BANDRA EAST, MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA 400051**

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➤ **To approve amendment to Business Rules for introduction of new penalty head**

It was briefed that NSDL vide circular no. NSDL/POLICY/2021/0075 dated July 19, 2021 had informed Participants about SEBI advice that Participants who are offering online account opening, shall introduce the facility for online closure of demat accounts in accordance with the prescribed guidelines and that clients should be informed regarding the availability of facility for online closure of demat accounts through emails, SMS, weekly / fortnightly / monthly newsletters etc.

The aforesaid SEBI guidelines were required to be implemented from September 01, 2021. The said compliance requirements were covered in the scope of inspection and audit imposed on the Participant. While both the Depositories were deliberating on the penalty framework, a need was felt to introduce a new penalty head for non-compliances observed with respect to Online account closure facility provided by Participants. Accordingly, after deliberations and discussions, both the depositories had agreed upon the below mentioned penalty head and penal action proposal for the aforesaid non-compliance.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Nature of non-compliances</b>	<b>Proposed penal Action</b>
1.	Online account closure of demat account facility is not made available by Participants offering the online demat account opening facility as per the guidelines issued by the Depositories.	₹25,000/- per occasion

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2.	Non execution of online account closure request of clients with or without holdings on the online closure portal provided by Participants within the stipulated timelines.	₹5,000/- per account  If such deviation is observed in two consecutive inspections, penalty would be ₹10,000/- per account  If such deviation is observed in three consecutive inspections, matter would be referred to Member Committee for review.

Once approved, the amendment to Business Rule 18.1.1 by inserting the new penalty head provisions shall be submitted to SEBI for approval.

The Regulatory Oversight Committee through circular resolution dated July 17, 2024 approved this proposal and recommended the same to the Board for approval.

The Board approved the above proposal by passing the following resolution:

**“RESOLVED THAT** based on the recommendation of Regulatory Oversight Committee, the Board approved the amendments to NSDL Business Rule 18.1.1. and further accorded its consent for onward submission to SEBI.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Managing Director & CEO, Executive Director, Compliance Officer, Chief Regulatory Officer, Company Secretary and Lead (Inspection) are severally authorized to do all such acts, deeds, matters and things as may be necessary to give effect to this resolution.”