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Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (i) of sub-section (3) of Section 6, sub-section (2) of Section 47 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (42 of 1999) and in partial modification of its Notification No.FEMA 21/2000-RB dated May 3, 2000, the Reserve Bank of India makes the following amendments in the Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) Regulations 2000, namely:-

- 1. Short title and Commencement:
 - (i) These Regulations may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) (Amendment) Regulations, 2003.
 - (ii) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- 2. Amendment of the Regulations

In the Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property in India) Regulations 2000, after Regulation 5, the following Regulation shall be inserted namely:

"5A. Purchase / sale of Immovable Property by Foreign Embassies / Diplomats / Consulate Generals

A Foreign Embassy / Diplomat / Consulate General may purchase / sell immovable property in India other than agricultural land / plantation property / farm house provided (i) clearance from Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs is obtained for such purchase / sale, and (ii) the consideration for acquisition of immovable property in India is paid out of funds remitted from abroad through banking channel".

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