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Regulation of Payment Aggregators (PAs) - Draft Directions

Reserve Bank of India today placed on its website, for public comments, two draft directions on regulation of Payment Aggregators, as below:

- (i) New draft directions on regulation of Payment Aggregators Physical Point of Sale
- (ii) Amendments to the existing directions on Payment Aggregators

RBI in its "<u>Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies" dated September</u> <u>30, 2022</u>, had announced regulation of offline PAs, who handle proximity / face-to-face payments. The new draft directions at (i) above cover such physical Point-of-Sale activities of PAs.

Additionally, given the growth in digital transactions and the significant role that PAs play in this space, the <u>current directions on PAs</u> are proposed to be updated as at (ii) above. These updates cover, *inter alia*, KYC and due diligence of merchants, operations in Escrow accounts, etc, and are intended to further strengthen the payment ecosystem.

Comments / feedback on the draft directions may be sent by email or by post to the Chief General Manager-in-Charge, Department of Payment and Settlement Systems, Reserve Bank of India, Central Office, 14th Floor, Shahid Bhagat Singh Marg, Mumbai-400001, on or before May 31, 2024.

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