

POLICY ON PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS AND ARCHIVAL POLICY

1. Scope

A policy on preservation of Documents (defined below) would ensure safekeeping of the records and safeguard the Documents from getting manhandled, while at the same time avoiding superfluous inventory of Documents.

The Company, therefore, formulates this policy, in pursuance to Regulation 9 of the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 ("Regulations"), on preservation of the Documents to aid the employees in handling the Documents efficiently. It not only covers the various aspects on preservation of the Documents, but also the safe disposal/destruction of the Documents.

2. Definitions -

2.1 "**Act**" means the Companies Act, 2013.

2.2 "**Applicable Law**" means any law, rules, circulars, guidelines or standards issued by Securities Exchange Board of India, Ministry of Corporate Affairs and The Institute of Company Secretaries of India or any other law in force applicable to the Company under which the preservation of the Documents has been prescribed.

2.3 "**Authorised Person**" means any person duly authorised by the concerned Head of the Department.

2.4 "**Board**" means the Board of directors of the Company or its Committee duly authorised thereof.

2.5 "**Company**" means National Standard (India) Limited.

2.6 "**Current Document(s)**" means any Document that still has an ongoing relevance with reference to any ongoing litigation, proceedings, complaint, dispute, contract or any like matter.

2.7 "**Document(s)**" refers to papers, notes, agreements, notices, advertisements, requisitions, orders, declarations, forms, correspondence, minutes, indices, registers and or any other record, required under or in order to comply with the requirements of any applicable law, whether issued, sent, received or kept in pursuance of the Act or under any other law form the time being in force otherwise, maintained on paper or in electronic form and does not include multiple or identical copies.

2.8 "**Electronic Record(s)**" means the electronic record as defined under clause (t) of sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

2.9 **“Electronic form”** means any contemporaneous electronic device such as computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, space on electronic device such as computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, space on electronic cloud, or any other form of storage and retrieval device, considered feasible, whether the same is in possession or control of the Company or otherwise the Company has control over access to it.

2.10 **“Maintenance”** means keeping Documents, either physically or in Electronic Form.

2.11 **“Preservation”** means to keep in good order and to prevent from being altered, damaged or destroyed.

2.12 **“Regulations”** means the Securities Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015

The words and phrases used in this Policy and not defined here shall derive their meaning from the Applicable Law.

3. Coverage

This Policy is intended to guide the Company and its officers on maintenance of any Documents, their preservation and disposal.

4. Classification

The preservation of Documents shall be done in the following manner:

- a) Where there is a period for which a Document is required to be preserved as per Applicable Law, for the period required by Applicable Law.
- b) In case of any other Document, for such period, as a competent officer of the Company required to handle or deal with the Document takes a considered view about its relevance; However, such Documents shall be preserved for a period of not less than 8 years from the date on which the Document was originated.

An indicative list of the Documents and the timeframe of their preservation is provided in Annexure I and II

Notwithstanding the general guidelines, care should be taken by the respective departments to ensure that records of special nature such as unsatisfied claims by or against the Company, suits pending in courts, tribunals, quasi judicial for and other mediation and alternate dispute fora, industrial disputes, etc. are preserved according to specific needs and even beyond the prescribed period.

Also, in the case of statutory records such as licenses, certificates, sanctions, approvals, etc. from Government/ Statutory Bodies, care should be taken to maintain and preserve the records in accordance with the specific guidelines/instructions, if any, by the issuing authority.

5. Modes of preservation

The Documents may be preserved in physical form or electronic Form.

5.1 RESPONSIBILITY

The departmental head concerned will be responsible for the maintenance, preservation and destruction of records pertaining to the respective Department.

5.2 The officer of the Company required to preserve the Document shall be Authorised Person who is generally expected to observe the compliance of requirements of Applicable Law.

5.3

The preservation of Documents should be such as to ensure that there is no tampering, alteration, destruction or anything which endangers the content, authenticity, utility or accessibility of the Documents.

5.4 The preserved Documents must be accessible at all reasonable times. Access may be controlled by Authorized Person with preservation, so as to ensure integrity of the Documents and prohibit unauthorized access.

6. Custody of the Documents

6.1 Subject to the Applicable Law, the custody of the Documents shall be with the Authorised Person. Where the Authorised Person tenders resignation or is transferred from one location of the Company to another, such Person shall hand over all the relevant Documents, lock and key, access control or password, or Company Disc, other storage devices or such other Documents and devices in his possession under the Policy. The Head of the concerned Department shall authorise such other person as he / she may deem fit as the Authorised Person.

7. Authority for approval of Policy

The Board shall have the authority for approval of this policy in pursuance to the Regulations. This authority has been granted via the Regulations.

8. Authority to make alterations to the Policy

The Board is authorized to make such alterations to this Policy as considered appropriate, subject, however, to the condition that such alterations shall be in consonance with the provisions of the Acts and Regulations.

9. Destruction of Documents

9.1 Destruction as a normal administrative practice usually occurs because the records are duplicated, unimportant or for short term use only.

This applies to both Physical and Electronic Documents.

9.2 The temporary Documents, excluding the Current Document(s) shall be destroyed after the relevant or prescribed period, by the Authorised Person in whose custody the Documents are stored, after the prior approval of the Board or any other authority as required under the Applicable Law pursuant to which the Documents have been preserved.

9.3 A register of the Documents disposed/destroyed shall also be maintained. It shall state the brief particulars of the Documents destroyed, date of disposal/destruction and the mode of destruction.

9.4 The entries in the register shall be authenticated by the Authorised Person.

10. Conversion of the form in which the Documents are preserved

10.1 The physical Documents preserved may be converted, whenever required or felt necessary, into electronic form to ensure ease in maintenance of records and efficient utilization of space.

11. Interpretation

In any circumstance where the terms of this policy differ from any existing or newly enacted law, rule, Regulation or standard governing the Company, the law, rule, Regulation or standard will take precedence over these policies and procedures until such time as this policy is changed to conform to the law, rule, Regulation or standard.

Annexure 1:

Indicative list of Documents whose preservation shall be permanent in nature:

1. The memorandum and articles of the company
2. Affidavit from the subscribers to the memorandum and from persons named as the first directors
3. Register of members
4. Books and Documents relating to the issue of share certificates, including the blank forms of share certificates
5. The foreign register of members
6. Register of charges
7. Minutes book of general meeting
8. Any other document as may be required to maintain in terms of applicable laws, maintained and preserved from time to time.

Annexure 2:

Indicative list of Documents with preservation period of not less than eight years after completion of the relevant transactions:

1. Register of charges (8 years)
2. Register of debenture holders or any other security holders (8 years from the date of redemption of debentures or securities)
3. Copies of all annual returns prepared under Section 92 of the Companies Act, 2013 and copies of all certificates and Documents required to be annexed thereto (8 years from date of filing with the Registrar)
4. Foreign register of debenture holders or any other security holders (8 years from the date of Redemption)
5. All notices pertaining to disclosure of interest of directors
6. All certificates surrendered to a company (3 years from date of surrender)
7. Register of deposits (not less than 8 years from the date of last entry)
8. Instrument creating a charge or modification (8 years from date of satisfaction of charge)
9. Office copies of Notices, scrutiniser's report, and related papers (as long as they remain current or for 10 years or as long as they remain current).
10. Attendance register of Board and Committee Meeting
11. Office copies of Notices, Agenda, Notes on Agenda and other related papers of Board and Committee Meeting
12. Any other document as may be required to maintain in terms of applicable laws, maintained and preserved from time to time.