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Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Dy. No. /R & I/MCA
09/oct/2026

Subject: Request for Extension of Due Dates for Filing Annual E-Forms under the Companies Act, 2013 till 31.12.2026 without Levy of Additional Fees

However, the Institute has been receiving numerous representations from the stakeholders regarding persistent difficulties being experienced in filing Annual e-forms on the MCA-21 V3 portal. Following are the key concerns being raised by the stakeholders:-

- Frequent portal downtime and slow response time.
- Session timeout and automatic logout during form preparation and filing.
- Difficulties in login, profile updation and user access management.
- Errors in pre-filled data and inconsistencies in data retrieval.
- Challenges in associating Digital Signature Certificates (DSCs).
- Form validation failures despite correct data entry.
- SRN generation, payment processing and challan-related issues.
- Difficulties in viewing, downloading and tracking filed forms and approvals.

4. **Portal Overload During Working Hours:** During peak hours, especially between 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., the system frequently crashes or becomes inaccessible due to heavy concurrent traffic, causing disruption in time-bound filings.

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Further it is respectfully submitted that the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), recognizing the practical challenges faced by stakeholders in meeting statutory compliance requirements, vide Circular No. 07/2026 dated 28 September 2026, extended the due date for furnishing Income Tax Returns in audit cases for Assessment Year 2026-27 from **31 October 2026 to 21 November 2026**, and correspondingly extended the timeline for submission of audit reports from 30 September 2026 to 21 October 2026.

ICSI Submission:

In view of the above circumstances, and on behalf of the stakeholders, we most respectfully submit for Ministry's kind consideration for providing **extension of due dates for all annual filing forms** AOC-4, AOC-4 (CFS), AOC-4 (XBRL), AOC-4 NBFC (Ind AS), AOC-4 CFS NBFC (Ind AS), DIR-12, ADT-1, MGT-7, and MGT-7A - till **December 31, 2026**, without levy of additional fees.

Considering the continuing technical challenges on the MCA-21 V3 portal, the increased complexity of annual filing forms, enhanced disclosure requirements and the recent precedent of extensions granted by the Central Board of Direct Taxes, a **one-time extension** up to **31 December 2026** would provide substantial relief to companies and professionals while ensuring accurate, complete and quality compliance.

The Institute shall remain grateful for a favourable consideration of this request in the larger interest of stakeholders and in furtherance of the Government's objective of promoting Ease of Doing Business and Ease of Compliance.

We will be pleased to furnish any additional information/clarification required in this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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Secretary

The Institute of Company Secretaries of India

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