

THE FOREIGN CONTRIBUTION (REGULATION) RULES, 1976¹
(As amended upto 26th July 2001)

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 30 of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, (49 of 1976), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules, namely: -

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| 1. (1) These rules may be called the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 1976. | (2). They shall come into force on the 5 th day of August, 1976. | Short title and commencement |
| 2. In these rules unless the context otherwise requires, - | (a) "Act" means the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976; | Definitions. |
| (b) "Form" means a form appended to these rules; | (c) "Section" means a section of the Act; | |
| (d) "Year" means the accounting year commencing from the 1 st April and ending on 31 st day of March of the next calendar year]. | | |
| 3. An application for obtaining prior permission of the Central Government to- | (a) receive foreign contribution under sub-section (1) of section 5, or clause (a) of sub-section (2) of that section, shall be made in Form FC-1; | Application for obtaining prior permission to receive foreign contribution or foreign hospitality. |
| (aa) receive foreign contribution under proviso to sub-section (1) of section 6, or under sub-section (1A) of that section or clause (b) of section 10, shall be made in Form FC-1A; | (b) accept foreign hospitality under section 9 [or clause (d) of section 10] ⁴ , shall be made in Form FC-2. | |
| 53A. An application for registration of an association referred to in sub-section (1) of section 6 for acceptance of foreign contribution shall be made in Form FC-8. | | Application for registration. |
| 4. (1) An intimation as to the receipt of- | (a) foreign contribution by an association referred to in sub-sections (1) and (1A) of section 6 shall be given every year beginning on the 1 st day of April in Form FC-3 in duplicate ⁶ [within four months] of the closure of the year. | Intimation regarding receipt of foreign contribution or scholarship or stipend or any payment of a like nature or foreign hospitality. |
| Provided that a 'NIL' report shall also be furnished. The intimation to be furnished for the year beginning on the 1 st day of April, 1991 shall also include the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution during the period commencing from 1 st January, 1991 and ending on 31 st March, 1991.} | | |

¹ Vide G.S.R. 756(E), dated the 5th August, 1976 Published in the Gazette of India, Extra Ordinary, Part II, Section 3(ii), P.2188.

² Ins. by G.S.R. 179(E), dated 25-3-1991.

³ Ins. by G.S.R. 755(E), dated 5-11-1984.

⁴ Ins. by SO 860(E), dated 29-12-1977.

⁵ Ins. by G.S.R. 755(E), dated 5-11-1984.

⁶ Ins. by G.S.R. 592 (E), dated 27-12-1996.

(b) foreign contribution by a candidate for election, referred to in sub-section (2) of section 6 shall be given in Form FC-4 within fifteen days from the date on which he is duly nominated as a candidate for election.

(c) any scholarship, stipend or any payment of a like nature from any foreign source in relation to which an intimation is required to be given under sub-section (1) of section 7, shall be given in Form FC-5, within thirty days of receipt of such scholarship, stipend or payment of a like nature;

Provided that where the person receiving the scholarship, stipend or any payment of a like nature is residing outside India, the intimation shall be given within sixty days from the date of receipt of such scholarship, stipend or other payment of a like nature;

(d) foreign hospitality referred to in the proviso to section 9, shall be given on plain paper within thirty days from the date of receipt of such hospitality specifying the particulars as to the receipt of such hospitality and the source from which, and the manner in which such hospitality was received.

6. Any application or intimation referred to in ⁷[rule 3, rule 3A or rule 4], as the case may be, shall be made or given to the Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, and such application or intimation shall be sent by registered post.

Authority to whom an application or intimation to be sent.

7. A prohibitory order under section 12 or any other order or direction made or issued under the Act, shall be served on the person concerned in the following manner, that is to say, -

Manner of service of prohibitory order or any other order or direction.

(a) by delivering or tendering it to that person or to his duly authorised agent, or

(b) by sending it to him by registered post with acknowledgement due to the address of his last known place of residence or the place where he carries on, or is known to have last carried on business, or the place where he personally works for gain or is known to have last worked for gain, and in case the person is an organisation or an association, to the last known address of the office of such organisation or association;

(c) if it cannot be served in any of the manner aforesaid, by affixing it on the outer door or some other conspicuous part of the premises in which that person resides, or carries on, or is known to have last carried on business, or personally works for gain, or is known to have last worked personally for gain, and in case the person is an organisation or an association, on the outer door or some other conspicuous part of the premises in which the office of that organisation or association is located, or is known to have been last located and the written report whereof should be witnessed by at least two person.

8. (1) A separate set of accounts and records shall be maintained, exclusively for foreign contribution received and utilised-

Maintenance of accounts.

(a) in Form FC-6, where the foreign contribution relates only to articles as referred to in item (1) of sub-clause (c) of clause (1) of section 2;

(b) in the cash book and ledger account on double entry basis, where the foreign contribution relates to currency received and utilised, and a separate bank account shall be maintained in respect of such contribution;

⁷ Subs. by G.S.R. 860 (E) dated 29-12-1977.

(c) in Form FC-7, where the foreign contribution relates to foreign securities.

⁸{(2) Every account specified in sub-rule (1) shall be maintained on an yearly basis, commencing on the 1st day of ⁹[April] each year and every such yearly account, duly certified by a chartered accountant ¹⁰[in Form FC-3 alongwith a balance sheet and statement of receipt and payment] shall be furnished in duplicate, to the Secretary to the Government of India, in the Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, within ¹¹[four months] of the closure of the year. }

38 of 1949. Explanation – In this rule, “chartered accountant” has the meaning assigned to it in the Chartered Accountants Act, 1949.

9. An officer referred in clause (b) of section 19 may adjudge confiscation in relation to any article or currency seized under section 16, if the value of such article or the amount of such currency exceeds one thousand rupees but does not exceed fifty thousand rupees.

Limits upto which an officer, not below the rank of an Assistant Sessions Judge may make adjudication or confiscation.

⁸ Subs by SO 860 (E), dated 29-12-1977.

⁹ Subs. by G.S.R. 179 (E), dated 25-3-1991.

¹⁰ Subs. by G.S.R. 755 (E), dated 5-11-1984.

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Note- Forms FC-3, FC-1A and FC-8 substituted vide notification No. 8(E) dated 4.1.99.

Form FC-3 and Forms FC-1A and FC-8 further modified vide notification No. GSR 63(E) dated 24.1.2000 and GSR No. 557(E) dated 26.7.2001.