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INFORMATION UTILITIES

209. No person to function as information utility without certificate of registration.

Save as otherwise provided in this Code,

 no information utility shall carry on its business under this Code

except under and in accordance

 with a certificate of registration issued in that behalf by the Board.

(1) Every application for registration shall be made to the Board in such form and manner, containing such particulars, and accompanied by such fee, as may be specified by regulations:

Provided that every application received by the Board shall be acknowledged within seven days of its receipt.

(2) On receipt of the application under subsection (1), the Board may,

 on being satisfied that the application conforms with all requirements specified under sub-section (1),

grant a certificate of registration to the applicant or else, reject, by order, such application.

 (3) The Board may issue a certificate of registration to the applicant in such form and manner and subject to such terms and conditions as may be specified

(4) The Board may renew the certificate of registration from time to time in such manner and on payment of such fee as may be specified by regulations. (5) The Board may, by order, suspend or on any of the following grounds, cancel the certificate of registration namely: granted to an information utility 5(a) that it has obtained registration by • 5(b) that it has failed to comply making a false statement or with the requirements of the misrepresentation or any other unlawful regulations made by the Board;. means;

5(c) that it has contravened any of the • 5(d) on any other ground as may be provisions of the Act or the rules or specified by regulations: the regulations made thereunder; unless the information utility Provided that no order shall be made concerned has been given a reasonable opportunity of being under this sub-section heard: Provided further that **no such order** shall be passed by any member except whole-time members of the **Board**

211. Appeal to National Company Law Appellate Tribunal

Any information utility which is aggrieved by the order of the **Board** made under section 210

 may prefer an appeal to the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal in such form, within such period, and in such manner, as may be specified by regulations.

212. Governing Board of information utility

The Board may,

 for ensuring that an information utility takes into account the objectives sought to be achieved under this Code,

require every information utility to set up a governing board,

 with such number of independent members, as may be specified by regulations

213. Core services, etc. of information utilities

An information utility

 shall provide such services as may be specified

including core services to any person

 if such person complies with the terms and conditions as may be specified by regulations.

214. Obligations of information utility

For the purposes of providing core services to any person, every information utility shall—

 (a) create and store financial information in a universally accessible format;

(b) accept electronic submissions of financial information from persons who are under obligations to submit financial information under sub-section (1) of section 215,

 in such form and manner as may be specified by regulations;

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 electronic submissions of financial (c) accept, in specified form and information • from persons who intend to submit manner, such information; (d) meet such minimum service • (e)get the information received from quality standards as may be various persons specified by regulations; authenticated by all concerned • before storing such information; parties

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(f) provide access to the financial information stored by it to any person who intends to access such information in such manner as may be specified by regulations;

(g) publish such statistical information as may be specified by regulations.

• (h) have inter-operatability with other information utilities.

215. Procedure for submission, etc. of financial information.

- (1) Any person who intends to submit financial information to the information utility
- or access the information from the information utility

shall pay such fee and submit information in such form and manner as may be specified by regulations.

- (2) A financial creditor shall submit financial information and information relating to assets in relation to which any security interest has been created, in such form and manner as may be specified by regulations.
- (3) An operational creditor may submit financial information to the information utility in such form and manner as may be specified.

216. Rights and obligations of persons submitting financial information

- (1) A person who intends to update or modify or rectify errors in the financial information submitted under section 215,
- he may make an application to the information utility for such purpose

stating reasons therefor, in such manner and within such time, as may be specified

• (2) A person who submits financial information to an information utility shall not provide such information to any other person,

except to such extent, under such circumstances, and in such manner, as may be specified.