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1. Amendment in Overseas Investment Directions

Earlier, the definition of Overseas Portfolio Investment included investment in only units of any investment fund overseas. Now such definition has been amended to include investments in any other instruments (by whatever name called) issued by an investment fund overseas and is not just restricted to units.

Additionally, investment is now also permitted in investment fund overseas where instead of the fund, the fund manager is regulated by the financial service regulator of the host country.

2. Opening of additional Special Current Account for import transactions in INR

Earlier, Reserve Bank of India had permitted AD Category-I banks maintaining a Special Rupee Vostro Account on International Trade Settlement in INR to open an additional special current account for their constituents exclusively for settlement of export transactions.

In order to provide operational flexibility, the facility of opening an additional special current account can be extended for settlement of their import transactions as well.

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