

PRESS NOTE NO. 8 (1998 SERIES)

SUBJECT : Amendment to the Industrial Entrepreneurs Memorandum

In the Press Note No. 13 (1997 Series) issued by this Department on 5th September, 1997 "Forex Broking" was included in the list of activities where Foreign Direct Investment is permissible under Non-Banking Financial Services. It has since been decided to further expand the list by the inclusion of "Credit Card Business" and "Money Changing Business" in the list of activities opened in this sector to foreign investors. The permitted activities on the "credit Card Business" would include issuance, sales, marketing and design of various payment products such as credit cards, charge cards, debit cards, stored value cards, smart cards, value added cards etc. The normal guidelines applicable for foreign investment in Non-Banking Financial Companies, as have been stipulated from time to time, including the Minimum Capitalization Norms as also any guidelines/norms prescribed by the competent authority for opening the business, shall be applicable to foreign equity participation in the "Credit Card Business" and "Money Changing Business". Press Note No. 4 (1997 Series) issued by this Department on 5th September 1997 may be deemed to have been amended to the above extent.

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