

# Policy on Preservation of Records/Archival Policy on Website

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), has vide its notification dated September 2, 2015 introduced the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulation, 2015 ("the Listing Regulations"). Regulation 9 of Chapter III of the Listing Regulations, requires companies listed on Stock Exchanges to frame a policy for preservation of documents. Further, all material events and information as required to be disclosed under Regulation 30(8) of Chapter IV of the Listing Regulations, shall be made on its website at Leadership | Who We Are | Indegene for a period as prescribed under the archival policy in addition to the statutory requirement of 5 years.

The archival policy (the "Policy") has been formulated in accordance with the Regulation 9 of the Listing Regulations, to formulate a policy for archival of the disclosures made on the website for information and events communicated to the stock exchanges under Regulation 30 of the Listing Regulations.

Documents covered under the Policy are classified in at least two categories i.e., (a) documents whose preservation shall be permanent in nature; and (b) documents with preservation period of not less than eight years after completion of the relevant transactions. The documents in categories (a) and (b) above may be stored in electronic mode.

Besides the above, as per applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, certain documents are required to be preserved permanently or up to a certain prescribed time.

Documents that are required to be maintained under this Policy are preserved considering their importance, usefulness and information. The Company recognizes that all the documents, whether in physical or electronic mode, form an important and integral part of the Company's records. Preservation of documents is important in order to ensure immediate access to the records, its retrieval and authentication.

Accordingly, in compliance with the aforesaid Regulations, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Indegene Limited (the "Company"), has adopted this Policy for preservation of documents, website disclosure and archival of such disclosure at its Meeting held on 25th March 2024.

This Policy defines the process for preservation of documents and to further develop requisite guidelines for archival of such documents, including those which are maintained in electronic form and are disclosed on the website of the Company.



#### 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Policy shall be effective from the date of listing of the equity shares of the Company on the stock exchange(s).

#### 3. DEFINITIONS

'Act' means the Companies Act, 2013 including any amendment or modification thereof.

'Applicable Law' means any law, rules, circulars, guidelines or standards issued by Securities Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and the Institute of Company Secretaries of India ("ICSI") under which the preservation of documents has been prescribed.

'Authorized Person' means. Means the functional head of the concerned department or any any person duly authorized by the Board.

'Archive' means an accumulation of historical records or the physical place/electronic mode where they are located. Archives contain primary source of documents that have accumulated over the course of an organization's lifetime, and are kept to show the function of that organization.

'Board of Directors' or 'Board' means the Board of Directors of Indegene Limited.

'Committee' means the Committee of the Board of Directors or any other Committee so constituted.

'Company' means Indegene Limited inclusive of its Registered Office and all branch offices.

**'Compliance Officer'** means Company Secretary of the Company or the Officer appointed by the Board of Directors of the Company for the purpose of this Policy and regulation.

**'Current Documents'** means any document that still has an ongoing relevance with reference to an ongoing litigation, proceedings, compliant, dispute, contract or any like matter.

'Documents' means writings, papers, notes, agreements, notices, deeds, contracts, summons, agenda, circulars, advertisements, requisitions, orders, declarations, forms, correspondence, minutes, indices, registers, challan and or any other record required under or in order to comply with the requirements of any Applicable Laws whether issued, sent, received or kept in pursuance of the Act or under any other law for the time being in force or otherwise, maintained on paper or in Electronic Form and does not include multiple or identical copies.

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'Electronic Form' means any contemporaneous electronic device such as servers, computer, laptop, compact disc, floppy disc, pen drive, space on electronic cloud or any other form of storage and retrieval device, considered feasible, whether the same is in possession or control of the Company or otherwise the Company has control over access to it.

**'Electronic Records'** means the electronic records as defined under Section 2(1)(t) of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

'Evidence' means information that tends to prove a fact.

'Financial Year' means as defined under Section 2(41) of the Act.

'Maintenance' means keeping documents and records, either in physical or electronic form.

'Preservation' means to maintain Documents in good order and to prevent Documents from being altered, damaged or destroyed.

All other words and expressions not defined herein, but defined in the Companies Act 2013, Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act 1956, the Depositories Act 1996 and/or rules and regulations made thereunder, shall have the same meaning as respectively assigned to them in such Acts or rules or regulations or any Applicable Law, as the case may be.

#### 4. OBJECTIVE

The Policy is framed for the purpose of systematic identification, categorization, Maintenance, review, retention and destruction of documents received or created in the course of business.

This Policy intends to guide the Company and its officers on maintenance, preservation and disposal of documents.

#### 5. SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to all departments of the Company. Each employee shall abide by the Policy. Each Authorized Person shall guide the employees in his department and ensure that they identify and classify Documents and take appropriate action with regard to their Preservation in accordance with this Policy. It ensures that the Company maintains both electronic and physical records as per various statutory requirements and is subject to same degree of confidentiality and care.

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#### 6. INTERPRETATION

In case of any conflict between the provisions of this Policy and Applicable Law, the Applicable Law shall prevail over this Policy. Any subsequent amendment/ modification in the Applicable Law shall automatically apply to this Policy.

#### 7. CLASSIFICATION OF DOCUMENTS

- a. Documents shall be classified into the following categories:
  - I. Mandatory under Governing Laws; and
  - II. Non Mandatory
- b. Documents which are required to be mandatorily preserved for stipulated minimum period of time under governing laws shall be preserved accordingly. Documents in respect of which no minimum Maintenance timeline is stipulated under any of the laws shall be preserved in accordance with the Policy.
- **c.** Any change in the Applicable Law affecting the change in period of Preservation of documents shall prevail over this Policy.

#### 8. MANNER OF PRESERVATION OF DOCUMENTS

#### a. Methodology of Preservation:

The Company shall primarily utilize any one or combination of the following methods for preserving the records:

- I. Department or Function-wise;
- II. Subject or Topic-wise;
- III. Chronologically;
- IV. Such other method as the departmental heads may consider appropriate, so as to fulfill the following objectives:
- 1. To meet the legal standards for protection, storage and retrieval;
- 2. To optimize the use of space and minimize the cost of record retention.

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#### b. Storage and Security Conditions:

The records should be in conditions that are secure and clean with low risk of damages. Records of non-paper format shall require special storage conditions and handling process, after taking into account their specific character. Similarly, records of continuing value and requiring longer Preservation shall require a higher quality of storage.

#### c. Duration of Preservation:

The minimum retention requirement of the different categories of the Company records is provided in the **Retention Schedule** as detailed in **Annexure I** to this Policy.

#### d. Custody of the Documents:

Subject to the Applicable Laws, the custody of the documents shall be with the authorized person. Where the authorized person tenders resignation or is transferred from one location of the Company to another, such person shall hand over all the relevant documents, lock and key, access control or password or Company Disc, Other Storage Devices or such other documents and devices in his possession under the Policy. The Board may authorize such other person as it may deem fit as the authorized person.

#### e. Accessibility and Confidentiality:

Any person intending to review archived information and events communicated to the stock exchanges may write to the Company Secretary and Compliance Officer of the Company. Records shall be made accessible to all the concerned employees of the Company and other external users not belonging to the Company, with the permission of the Departmental heads. However, the Board of Directors of the Company, Chief Financial Officer and the Company Secretary shall have access to all the records maintained by the Company. Any record containing confidential data will be made accessible only after the permission of the Board of Directors of the Company, Chief Financial Officer or the Company Secretary.

# 9. MANNER OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMPANY

The documents required to be published on the website of the Company shall be hosted under 'Investors Section – Investor Corner' of the website at <u>Leadership | Who We Are | Indegene</u> till the stipulated

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duration of time as provided under the various laws in force or for such longer time as the Board of Directors of the Company, Chief Financial Officer or the Company Secretary so desire.

Thereafter, the same shall be transferred to the 'Past Information/Events' section till such time as may be instructed by the Directors of the Company or the Company Secretary. However, in case of any updation in disclosure of such published record, the older record can be removed from the website of the Company as per the advice of the Board of Directors of the Company, Chief Financial Officer or the Company Secretary, provided, it does not lead to contravention of any law(s) or regulation(s) in force.

#### 10. DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS

Records which no longer serve a useful purpose may be destroyed, subject to adherence to the statutory retention period. Record destruction can also improve operational efficiency by reducing the quantity of records to be searched in order to locate the needed information. All confidential records shall be destroyed only after the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company, Chief Financial Officer or Company Secretary.

The modes of destruction of records may include the following:

1	Confidential Papers	Confidential Papers shall be destroyed by making	
		them unreadable.	
2	Non-Confidential Papers	Non-Confidential Papers shall be sold to waste paper	
		dealer or recycled.	
3	Electronically Stored Records	Electronically stores records shall be erased or	
		destroyed with the help of Information Technology	
		(IT) Department.	
4	Destruction of magnetic media records	Destruction of magnetic media records such as floppy	
	such as floppy disks	disks shall be destroyed by reformatting the same at	
		least once.	
5	Destruction of optical media records	ds Destruction of optical media records such as	
	such as rewritable disks	rewritable disks shall be destroyed by cutting,	
		crushing or other physical means.	

A register of documents disposed/ destroyed may be maintained which shall state the brief particulars of the documents destroyed, date of disposal/ destruction and the mode of destruction. Entries in the register shall be authenticated by the Compliance Officer.

The Authorized Person shall exercise due diligence while destroying any Documents, including seeking confirmation from other relevant departments or external consultants, to the extent necessary.

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The functional head of the IT Department shall make appropriate provision for back up for Electronic Records.

# 11. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTAL HEADS

The departmental heads must be familiar with this policy and educate the employees in their respective departments in this regard. Access to confidential records and information must be restricted. Destruction of the records as and when required, must be coordinated by the departmental heads.

#### 12. AMENDMENTS AND MODIFICATION IN THE POLICY

The Board may, subject to Applicable Laws, amend any provision(s) or substitute any of the provision(s) with the new provision(s) or replace the Policy entirely with a new policy as it may deem necessary.

Any change/ amendments in Applicable Laws with regard to Maintenance and Preservation of documents and records shall be deemed to be covered in this Policy without any review.

The Board may also establish further rules and procedures, from time to time, to give effect to this Policy and to ensure governance.

#### 13. COMPLIANCE

All employees of the Company are required to comply with the provisions of this Policy and the guidance manual. Failure to comply by any employee of the Company with this Policy and the guidance may result in disciplinary action by the Company, including suspension or termination of employment.

Any queries regarding this Policy may be referred to the Compliance Officer of the Company, who is in charge of administering, enforcing and updating this, Policy.

#### 14. DISSEMINATION OF THE POLICY

Adoption of this Policy shall be communicated to the stock exchange(s) where the Company's equity shares are listed. The Policy, as amended from time to time, shall be placed on the website of the Company at <u>Leadership | Who We Are | Indegene</u>.

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# 15.PENALTY FOR NON-ADHERENCE OF THE CLAUSES OF THE POLICY

Non – Adherence to any of the Clause as mentioned in this Policy will attract penalty of one lakh rupees which may extend to one crore rupees as prescribed under Section 15 HB of SEBI Act, 1992.



## **ANNEXURE I**

### **DOCUMENT RETENTION SCHEDULE**

Sr.	Record/	Record/Document Type	Minimum Retention
No	Document		Requirement
	Category		
1	Records related	Agenda Papers, Internal Audit Report, Minutes	Permanent
	to	of Meeting, Policies, Code of Conduct,	
	Board/Committee	Disclosure of Directors Interest, Other	
	Meeting	Miscellaneous reports/records.	
		Attendance Register	Eight Financial Years from the
			date of last entry made
			therein
2	Records related	Register/Index of Members, Minutes,	Permanent
	to General	Attendance Register	
	Meeting	Office copies of Notices, Scrutiniser's report and	Eight Financial Years
		related papers	
3	Other Secretarial	Incorporation Certificate, Conversion	Permanent
	Records	/Commencement of Business Certificate,	
		Memorandum of Association, Articles of	
		Association, Common Seal, Annual Reports,	
		Statutory Registers pursuant to the Companies	
		Act 1956/2013, Register for	
		Transfer/Transmission of Shares maintained	
		with Registrar and Share Transfer Agent,	
		Correspondence with regulatory authorities,	
		Correspondence with Shareholders, Copies of	
		all Annual Returns.	_
4	Records related	Correspondence with Statutory bodies,	Permanent
	to SEBI and Stock	Quarterly/Annually/Non-Quarterly /Other	
	Exchange	Compliances submitted from time to time,	
	December 1.1.1	Newspaper publication, listing disclosure.	Fish Version Co. 1
5	Records related	Insurance Policy Execution, Renewal Certificate,	Eight Years from lapse of the
	to Insurance	Insurance Claims under various policies.	policy/settlement of claim.
6	Contracts/	Fresh/Modification/Renewal/ Termination of	Eight Years from termination
	Agreements/Purc	Contract/Agreement/Purchase Order	of Contract/ Agreement/
	hase Orders		Purchase Order

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Sr.	Record/	Record/Document Type	Minimum Retention
No	Document		Requirement
	Category		
7	Records related	Agreements, Contracts, Documents related to	Permanent
	to Property	acquisition/sale of Property	
8	Legal	All confidential agreements of non-disclosure in	Permanent
		nature, Correspondence with Statutory bodies,	
		Courts regarding any petition/case/suit etc.	
9	Records related	Registration/Renewal Certificate under various	Permanent
	to Labour Laws	Acts relating to Labour Laws.	
		Maintenance of various Registers under various	
		Acts in force read with the Rules made	
		thereunder, relating to Labour Laws.	
10	Finance	Audited Financial Statements	Permanent
		Auditors Reports	
		Books of Accounts and Vouchers	Eight Years following the
			relevant Financial Year.
11	Taxation	Registration/Amendment Certificate under	Permanent
		various laws in force	
		Preservation of specific books of accounts	Eight Financial Years
			following the relevant
			Financial Year.
		Records pertaining to various other laws in force	Records maintained under
			various other laws in force
			from time to time would be
			acceptable.
12	RBI Records	License Certificate/Renewal Certificate.	Permanent
		Statutory Returns/Reports submitted to Banks	
		from time to time.	
		Concurrent Audit Report.	Eight Years following the
		Correspondence with Statutory Bodies.	relevant Financial Year
		Auditors Report	
		Client Records and Transactions pursuant to	Eight Years after completion
		'Know Your Customer' (KYC) Guidelines – Anti	of the relevant transaction.
		Money Laundering Standards (AML) –	
		Preservation of Money Laundering Act, 2002	
		Records pertaining to the identification of the	
		customers and their address (e.g. Copies of	
		Documents like passport, identity card, driving	

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Sr.	Record/	Record/Document Type	Minimum Retention
No	Document		Requirement
	Category		
		license, PAN Card, Utility Bills etc) obtained	
		while opening the account and during the	
		course of business relationship.	
13	License obtained	Statutory Registration Certificates	Permanent
	from Statutory		
	Authorities		
14	Information in	Disclosures made by the Company to the stock	For a minimum period of five
	Website:	exchanges shall be hosted on the website of the	(5) years under Listing
		Company.	Regulations. Upon
			completion of five (5) years
			period such disclosures shall
			be removed from the website
			of the Company under this
			Policy of the Company.



# 16. Annexure Z: Revision History

## a. Document Approval Information

Docur	nent Owner	Finance and Legal	
Author(s) Name &	25th March 2024	Srishti Kaushik	
Designation(s)		Company Secretary &	
		Compliance Officer	Deviewed and
Reviewer(s) Name	25th March 2024	Karthik Kannappan	Reviewed and
& Designation(s)		Vice President	approved at the
Approver Name &	25th March 2024	Board of Directors	meeting of the Board of Directors held on
Designation(s)		Board of Directors	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Final Reviewer	25th March 2024	Harsha Haridas	25 Maich 2024
Name &		Business Process Lead-	
Designation(s)		RAC	

# b. Revision Summary

Ver. No.	Ver. Date	Revised By	Description	Filename
3.0	25th March 2024	Srishti Kaushik	Link to the company's website added in clause 1 and clause 9	Policy on Preservation of Records/Archival Policy on Website_V3.0
2.0	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Srishti Kaushik	Annual review by Board of Directors. No changes incorporated.	Policy on Preservation of Records/Archival Policy on Website V2.0
1.0	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Srishti Kaushik	This is a base line document	Policy on Preservation of Records/Archival Policy on Website V1.0