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## Physical settlement of stock derivatives

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has released a Circular on 'Physical Settlement of Stock Derivatives', on December 31, 2018. The key takeaways from the SEBI Circular are:

- Physical settlement shall be made mandatory for all stock derivatives.
- Stock derivatives presently being cash settled shall move to physical settlement in following manner:
  - i. Stocks shall be ranked in descending order based on daily market capitalization averaged for the month of December 2018:
  - ii. The bottom 50 stocks shall move to physical settlement from April 2019 expiry onwards;
  - iii. The next 50 stocks from bottom shall move to physical settlement from July 2019 expiry onwards; and
  - iv. The remaining stocks shall move to physical settlement from October 2019 expiry onwards.
- Derivatives introduced on new stocks meeting the enhanced eligibility criteria\* shall also be physically settled.
- The other conditions\* mentioned in SEBI Circular dated April 11, 2018 on Review of Framework for Stocks in Derivatives Segment continue to remain in force. (please click <a href="here">here</a> to access our earlier news flash released in this regard)

Please click <u>here</u> to access the SEBI Circular in this regard.

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