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Subject: Notification to exempt certain categories of industrial plants from the application of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and proviso to sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 –issuance of Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) -reg.

The Central Government published the notifications vide G.S.R. 703 (E) dated 12-11-2024 (copy enclosed) and G.S.R.702 (E) dated 12-11-2024 regarding exemption of certain categories of industrial plants from the application of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and proviso to sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

As provided in the above notification, a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for streamlining the implementation of the said notification is hereby appended with this letter for compliance.

2. SOP is hereby circulated to all concerned for compliance and necessary action.



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To,

The Divisional Head, IA Division, MoEF&CC,
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Chairman, Pollution Control Committees

**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the Notification to
exempt certain categories of industrial plants under the Water (Prevention and
Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act,
1981**

Consequent to the notification published vide G.S.R. 703 (E) dated 12-11-2024 and G.S.R.702 (E) dated 12-11-2024 regarding exemption of certain categories of industrial plants from the application of the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and proviso to sub-section (1) of section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, following SOP is issued for streamlining the implementation of these notifications :

1. All industries/activities, appended as schedule of the said notifications (categorized as **White**) exempted from the mandatory condition of obtaining CTE and CTO from SPCBs/PCCs as per the above referred notification will follow Procedure as given below:

- a. These units will have to intimate about their operation to SPCBs / PCCs in the form of a self-declaration, complying with all the prevalent rules and regulations. They are not required to pay any consent fee.*
- b. SPCBs / PCCs shall maintain list of such industries/ activities separately, which shall be updated from time to time.*
- c. SPCBs / PCCs shall ensure that no activities other than those intimated, are carried out by such exempted units.*

2. The projects / activities requiring prior EC as per the Environmental Impact Assessment notification, 2006 (as amended from time to time) under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 exempted from obtaining CTE separately, as per the above referred notification will follow Procedure as given below:

- a. They will obtain necessary EC from the competent authority under the notification referred above.*
- b. The Conditions of CTE, as may be required, will be integrated in the conditions of EC itself in the following manner:*
 - i. The competent authority for issuance of EC under EIA Notification, 2006 shall communicate the application of the Project Proponent (PP) to the concerned SPCB/PCC, as the case may be.
 - ii. The concerned SPCB/PCC will examine the case and communicate its comments to the above-referred competent authority within the time limit prescribed by it, which shall not be less than 30 days.

- iii. SPCB / PCC may undertake inspection of the site, if required, before sending their comments. Further, SPCB / PCC may also raise queries to the PPs for additional information, if required. Any time taken by the PPs in responding to the queries of SPCBs / PCCs shall be in addition to the time limit prescribed.
- iv. The EC granting authority shall consider the comments of the concerned SPCB/PCC for inclusion of additional conditions while issuing the EC, which will inter-alia, include that the PP shall pay the requisite CTE fee to SPCBs/PCCs within 30 days of issuance of EC.
- v. The EC will become operational only after the payment of CTE fee. Delay in payment of CTE fee beyond 30 days may attract late fee as may be decided by the concerned SPCB / PCC.

c. Such industries / activities shall be required to obtain CTO separately from the SPCBs / PCCs and any other authorization /permission, wherever required as per the prevailing rules and regulations.

- 3. Industries/ activities not included in para 1 and 2 above shall be required to obtain CTE and CTO and other permissions, as per the prevailing rules and regulations.



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