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ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT
GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA

Notification

Draft Guidelines for Regulation of Tyre Retreading Activities
in the State of Maharashtra

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Notification under Section 17(1) (b) and (h) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 in respect of prescribing draft Guidelines for the Regulation of the Tyre-Retreading Activity in the State of Maharashtra.

WHEREAS, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board had constituted a Committee to propose suitable Draft Guidelines / Regulations for the activities of Tyre Retreading and Tyre Recycling (Pyrolysis) as well as to impose necessary prohibitions and restrictions on the activities of burning of tyres.

AND WHEREAS, the Committee constituted by the MPCB for the above purposes has submitted a detailed Report on Draft Guidelines for Tyre Retreading, Tyre Pyrolysis Process (Recycling) as well as Prohibitions & Restrictions on Burning of Tyres (June-2014) in pursuance of the order dtd.5/5/2014 passed by the Hon'ble National Green Tribunal, Western Zone Bench, Pune in the Application No.43/2013 filed by Asim Sarode & Anr. v/s MPCB & Ors.

AND WHEREAS, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has recommended to the Environment Deptt., Govt. of Maharashtra to issue appropriate Notification in respect of the Regulation of Tyre Retreading, Tyre Pyrolysis Process (Recycling) as well as Prohibitions & Restrictions on Burning of Tyres.

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 17(1)(b) & (h) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the State Govt., hereby issues the following Guidelines for Regulation of the following activities :

(A) Tyre Retreading, (B) Tyre Pyrolysis Process (Recycling) Activities and also (C) Imposition of Prohibitions & Restrictions on Burning of Tyres, as under :-

(A) **Guidelines for Tyre Retreading** : The process involved of tyre retreading is collecting tyres from the customers like transporters, fleet owners and travelers

for the purpose of retreading of the damaged part of the tyre, which is simple repairing process, having very less pollution potential. MPCB on the basis of the Report submitted by the Committee has come to the conclusion that the criteria for "Distinguishing emergency service tyre retreaders from commercial tyre retreaders" is necessary. The roadside or service area for vehicles or fuel in stations based on small scale tyre retreaders typically providing retreading services on emergency basis or help in performing the task of slack journey in the form of repairs to tyres on small scale basis are not to be covered under the grant of consent regime by the MPCB. The following Guidelines are recommended by the MPCB on the basis of the recommendations of the Committee accepted by the MPCB for proper regulation of retreading activity.

- 1) The activity of retreading should adopt complete Life Cycle Approach by keeping proper record of material balance of all the raw material.
- 2) Since, tyre is highly combustible material, high safety measures are required to be adopted. However, the small scale activity of tyre molding/repairing in garages in the small scale less than 15 tyres in the form of repair with molding small portion may not require to obtain consent from MPCB on account of its scale and the predominant nature of repairing activity.
- 3) The small shops by the Roadside doing tyre moulding only in the form of repairs and maintenance of tyres also may not require to obtain consent from MPCB.
- 4) However, if the garage is covered under grant of consent on account of its scale, the conditions for environment protection and compliance of environmental norms will be imposed in the Consent granted by MPCB. However, smaller re-trader without processing and doing manual operations are not covered under the consent regime as stated above, being recovery of metal/tyre waste/engaged in manual repairs, may not be brought under consent regime.
- 5) The criteria for the "Distinguishing Emergency Service Tyre Retreaders" from the "Commercial Tyre Retreaders", though nebulous need to be attributed for implementation of the said tyre retreading rules as under:
 - a) The roadside or service area for vehicles or fuel in stations based on small scale tyre retreaders typically providing service for the vehicles, which would like to obtain retreading services on emergency service or help on the way to performing their task slack journey, such small scale re-treaders are found situated most likely next to tyre puncture repairer or vehicle maintenance garage on highways and vehicle rest stops. The small scale trading

