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Circular

Sub: Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories issued by CPCB reg...

Ref: 1) Directions issued u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories issued by CPCB vide dated 12/02/2025.

2) Revised delegation of Powers for consent management issued vide No. BO/MPCB/MS/Office Order/B-184 Date: 23/12/2020

CPCB has issued Directions under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories vide dated 12/02/2025 (copy enclosed), wherein CPCB in exercise of powers delegated under section 18(1)(b) of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 has withdrawn the earlier directions dated 07/03/2016 & subsequent directions/letters in the context of categorization of industries with immediate effect & issued following directions for compliance by all SPCB's.

 The SPCBs shall immediately adopt the revised methodology for classification of sectors & list of 419 sectors/sub sectors classified under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories as detailed in the attached report.

2. All pending applications for consideration of consent (CTE/CTO) & future such applications shall be processed as per revised classification. In case CTE granted before the revised classification, applicability of CTO will be as per revised classification.

3. That the revised sectors/sub sectors classified under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories of sectors given in the attached document shall be used by the SPCBs for consent management, inventorization of units under different categories, siting criteria, deciding environmental surveillance frequency, calculation of environmental compensation, etc., as per the guidelines issued from time to time.

4. That the classification of sectors shall not be linked to sanction of loans/finance bank proceedings.

All the Officials of the Board are hereby directed to adopt the Revised categorization of industries with immediate effect & process the consents based on the new categorization and implement the directions issued by CPCB u/s 18(1)(b) of the Water (P&CP) Act, 1974 and the Air (P&CP) Act, 1981 vide dated 12/02/2025.

The revised delegation of powers issued vide ref 2 above by the Board for consent management shall continue to be enforced & applications shall be delt with considering revised categorization of industries.

This circular shall be implemented scrupulously from the issuance of this letter without fail.

(Ravindra Andhale)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to: The Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board Mumbai- for Favor of information.

Copy to:

1. All HODs, MPC Board Mumbai. - For information & necessary action

2. PRO, MPCB Mumbai. He is directed to give publicity of the new categorization of industries by way of social media, website, awareness & news in leading newspapers.

Copy to:

1. All Regional Officer, MPC Board. They are directed to ensure that the new categorization of industries shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity.

2. All Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board. new categorization of industries shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give

wide publicity.

3. SO/EIC- He is directed to make necessary changes required for implementation of the said directions along with necessary change on the Portal of the Board immediately & host the said directions on the website of the Board.