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CIRCULAR

Sub: Extension of Storage period of hazardous waste beyond 90 days as per the provision of Rule 8 (v) of the Hazardous and Other Waste(M&TM) Rules 2016.

The Rule 8 of the Hazardous and Other Waste (Management & Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules') provides occupiers of the facilities may store the hazardous and other waste for a period not extending **ninety (90) days** and that the State Pollution Control Board may extend the said period of ninety days in certain cases on justifiable grounds up to **one hundred and eighty (180) days**.

The Rule 3(21) defines the occupiers. "Occupier in relation to any factory or premises, means a person who has, control over the affairs of the factory or the premises and includes in relation to any hazardous and other waste, the person in possession of the hazardous or other waste."

Consequent upon the outbreak of the COVID -19 and subsequent declaration of lockdown to take preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 has created an extraordinary circumstance, wherein the hazardous and other waste may require to be stored by occupiers beyond 90 days.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers under the provisions of Rule 8(v) of the Rules, the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board hereby permits occupiers as defined under Rule 3(21) of the Rules **to store hazardous and other waste for period of one hundred and eighty (180) days or allowed to be stored beyond 15 days after lifting of lockdown whichever is earlier.**

This circular comes into effect from the date of issue and cease to operate from the date of lifting of lockdown by the government.

During this period, they shall ensure safe and environmental sound storage of hazardous and other waste so that there is no adverse impact on environment and human health.



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