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## Office Memorandum

**Sub: Procedure for obtaining permission for change in product-mix under the EIA Notification dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2016.**

- Ref: 1. Amendment to EIA notification no. S.O. 3518(E) dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.  
2. Minutes of the 167<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board held on 15.12.2016  
3. Approval of the Hon'ble Additional Chief Secretary, Maharashtra.  
4. Office Memorandum dated for constitution of Technical Committee dated 16.06.2017

The MoEF & CC in the recent notification referred at sr.no 1 above has prescribed procedure for certification about "NO INCREASE IN POLLUTION LOAD" for getting exemption from going through the entire EIA process, for change in product mix

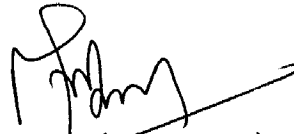
All the applications seeking prior environmental clearance for expansion with increase in production capacity beyond the capacity for which prior environmental clearance has been granted under this notification or with increase in either lease area or production capacity in case of mining projects or for the modernization of an existing unit with increase in total production capacity beyond threshold limit prescribed in the Schedule to this notification through change in process and or technology or involving a change in the product-mix shall be made in Form-I and they shall be considered by the concerned Expert Appraisal Committee or State Level Expert Appraisal Committee within sixty days who will decide on the due diligence necessary including preparation of Environment Impact Assessment and public consultation and the application shall be appraised accordingly for grant of environmental clearance

Any change in product-mix, changes in quantities within products or number of products in the same category for which environmental clearance has been granted shall be exempt from the requirement of prior environmental clearance provided that there is no change in the total capacity sanctioned in prior environmental clearance granted earlier under this notification and there is no increase in pollution load.

The project proponent shall follow the procedure for obtaining permission for change in product-mix as follows

1. The instant amendment in EIA Notification exempts the requirement of prior environmental clearance for cases of change in product-mix without change in quantity and pollution load as prescribed in the environmental clearance of the project.

2. This facility is available to those units which have obtained prior environmental clearance under EIA Notification, 1994 and EIA Notification, 2006. Such units only shall apply to State Pollution Control Board alongwith their existing/previous consent to operate. All such cases shall be examined and decided in the following manner at the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board.
- a. Project Proponent shall submit the application online for change in product-mix alongwith the format to be filled for providing information on change in product-mix and certificate of no increase in pollution load issued by Environmental Auditors and reputed institutions empanelled by the Board.
  - b. The application received shall be scrutinized online at the Sub-Regional Office and the application along with the comments of Sub-Regional Officer shall be forwarded to the respective authorities as per the delegation of powers.
  - c. The application so received through online to the respective authorities shall submit the information to the Convener of the Technical Committee. Accordingly, meeting of the Technical Committee shall be conducted at least once in a month.
  - d. The applicant along with Environmental auditors shall make presentation before the Technical Committee. The Technical Committee shall examine the details and certificate of no increase in pollution load received from the applicant and the environment auditors as well as the report of the scrutiny done by the Board
  - e. Based on the deliberations and the scrutiny, the Technical Committee will make its recommendations.
  - f. The Convener of the Technical Committee shall communicate the recommendations of the Committee to the respective authorities.
  - g. Based on the recommendations of the Technical Committee, the authorities shall take decision with respect to the application received from the project proponent for the change in the consent to operate for the purpose of change in product-mix. The decision taken by the respective authorities as per the delegation of powers shall be conveyed through online consent /Rejection order to the applicant.

  
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