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Circular Memo No.94/TSPCB/Categorization/HO/2025-

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Sub: TGPCB - CFE — CPCB directions under 18(1) (b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue Categories – Instructions - Issued – Reg.

Ref: CPCB directions vide CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO, Date:12.02.2025 at <https://cpcb.nic.in/categorization-of-industrial-sectors/>.

It is to inform that vide reference cited above, the Central Pollution Control Board issued directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution), Act, 1981 regarding reclassification of industrial sectors. The CPCB issued the following directions for compliance by SPCBs and PCCs duly withdrawing the earlier directions dated 07.03.2016 on categorization of industries and subsequent directions/letter in the context of categorization of industries.

1. That SPCBs and PCCs shall immediately adopt the revised methodology for classification of sectors and list of 419 sectors/sub-sectors classified under Red, Orange, Green, White, and Blue categories as detailed in the attached report- "Classification of Sectors into Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue Categories (A tool for progressive environmental management)".
2. That all pending application for consideration of consent (CTE/CTO) and future such application shall be processed as per the revised classification. In case CTE granted before the revised classification, applicability of CTO will be as per revised classification.
3. That the revised sectors/subsectors classified under Red, Orange, Green, White, and Blue category of sectors as given in the attached document shall be used by the SPCBs and PCCs 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 SPCBs and PCCs shall prepare the inventory of Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories of units operating in their jurisdictions, based on the revised classification. SPCBs and PCCs shall upload the category and sector-wise list of such units on their web site. SPCBs and PCCs shall also forward such list to CPCB, latest by 30.06.2025 and thereafter updated list by 30th June every year.
5. That the classification of sectors shall not be linked to sanction of loans/finance of bank proceedings.
6. That any further addition of any new or left-out sector and their classification which is not listed in the revised list of Red, Orange, Green, and White categories, shall be done at the level of concerned SPCB/PCC by constituting a Committee and following revised criteria & guidelines as detailed in the attached report and no concurrence of CPCB shall normally be required. Intimation of same from time to time will suffice. However, addition in Blue Category Sectors-Essential Environmental Services for domestic waste management, will be done at the level of CPCB only. SPCBs/PCCs may forward their proposal, if any, to CPCB in this regard.
7. That SPCBs and PCCs are required to prepare and submit list of additional sector classified under white category to CPCB on annual basis, by 30th of June every year, in the prescribed format (Annexure-V) as given in the attached report, for further notification for exemption from consent as per the

provisions of the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Act, 2023, the Water Act, and the Air Act as amended from time to time by MoEF&CC.

8. That SPCBs and PCCs shall constitute a committee as prescribed in the report to evaluate the applications of the units for incentives due to adopting measures resulting in better environmental performance and reduction in PI score. The SPCB/PCC shall place the separate list of such units on their website and also submit list of such units to CPCB on Annual Basis by 30th June every year.

White Category industries are exempted to obtain CFE and CFO of the Board and shall follow the following SoP:

1. Industry to intimate to concerned SPCB/PCC about operations and self declare the compliance with prelavnat rules & regulations,
2. Concerned SPCB/PCC to maintain separate list of such industries/activities, and
3. Concerned SPCB/PCC to ensure that no activities other than those intimated, are carried out by exempted units:

In view of the above, all the Regional Officers are directed to implement the CPCB directions with immediate effect. The Regional Officers are further directed to prepare the inventory of Red, Orange, Green, White and Blue categories of units operating in their jurisdictions, based on the revised classification of CPCB within one month so as to upload the category and sector-wise list on the Board web site and forward the same to CPCB.

The ROs shall appraise the GMs, District Industries Centre, Industrial Associations and other stake holder departments about the reclassification of industries.

Sd/-

MEMBER SECRETARY

To

1. Divisional Heads at HO, TGPCB.
2. The JCEEs, Zonal Office, RC Puram & Hyderabad.
3. The Environmental Engineer, Regional Office, Hyderabad / Rangareddy – I / Medchal / Warangal / Ramagundam / Kothagudem / Nizamabad / RC Puram / Sangareddy / Nalgonda, with a direction to submit the list of industries not covered under CPCB new categorization to the Board Office so as to place before the Categorization Committee to decide the category.

Copy submitted to:

1. PA to Chief Secretary to Govt. of Telangana & Chariman of TGPCB for kind information.
2. The Secretary, EFS&T Department, Secretarial, Govt. of Telangana, Hyderabad for kind information.
3. The Director, Industries Department, Chirag Ali Lane, Hyderabad for information.
4. The VC&MD, TSIIC, 6th floor, Parishram Bhawan, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad for information.
5. The President, CII, Begumpet, Hyderabad for kind information.
6. The Executive Director, Confederation of Indian Industry, Sohrabji Godrej Green Business Centre, Survey # 64, Kothaguda Post, R.R. District, Hyderabad – 500084 for information.
7. The President, Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industries Trade 11-6-841, Federation House, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500004 for information.
8. The President, Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association (India) (BDMA), C-25, Industrial Estate, Sanath Nagar, Hyderabad 500018 for information.

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