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CIRCULAR

Sub: Applications for Amendment in Consent- 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) Govt. Resolution issued by Environment & Climate Change Dept. Govt of Maharashtra vide dated 07/03/2025.

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In accordance with the above references, the MoEF&CC has issued comprehensive guidelines for Consent Disposal Timeframes and a Lapse Resolution Mechanism for Red, Orange, and Green category industries/plants. These guidelines also mandate the constitution of a State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) to ensure timely and effective implementation.

Pursuant to this, the Environment & Climate Change Department, Government of Maharashtra, vide Government Resolution dated 07/03/2025, has constituted the SLMC under the chairmanship of the Secretary, Environment & Climate Change Department.

During review of consent-related applications, it has been observed that industries are frequently submitting amendment requests for irrelevant reasons, including duplicate applications or issues that should rightly fall under the purview of fresh or revised consent applications (e.g., addition of fuel type, DG Sets, hazardous waste quantities, etc.). These practices are leading to unwarranted delays and increasing pendency of cases with the granting authorities of the Board.

In light of the above, it is hereby decided that only the following reasons shall be considered valid for submission of amendment applications in Consent:

- 1) Typographical or clerical errors in the consent issued to the industry.
- 2) Change in the name of the industry (subject to supporting documentary evidence).

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- 3) Change in the disposal path of Hazardous Waste for pre-processing or co-processing, as per the policy of the Board.

All other applications for amendment in consent, which do not fall under the above-listed categories, shall be declined at the SRO level without further processing.

Industries are therefore advised to assess the nature of their request before submitting applications under the amendment category. Applications requiring changes in operations, emissions, discharge, fuel type, machinery (including DG sets), hazardous waste handling, or similar, shall be routed through the regular consent application process with payment of appropriate consent fees, as per the applicable norms.

This circular shall come into force with immediate effect.


(Dr Avinash Dhakne, IAS)
Member Secretary

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

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1. All HODs, MPC Board Mumbai. - For information & necessary action
2. PRO, MPCB Mumbai. **He is directed to give publicity of the circular by way of news, awareness in leading newspapers.**
3. Law Officer/Statical Officer, MPC Board Mumbai

Copy to:

1. All Regional Officer, MPC Board. **They are directed to ensure that the above circular shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and shall be implemented accordingly.**
2. All Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board. **They are directed to ensure that the above circular shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity and shall be implemented accordingly**
3. SO/EIC – **He is directed to upload the circular on the Board's official website and ensure necessary modifications are made in the IMIS Portal of the Board. This includes: Updating the dropdown menu for selection of reasons for amendment in consent and provision of auto-generated letter for decline of amendment applications at the SRO level.**