



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ ਬੋਰਡ
PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



PPCB/HO/No. 31855-86 Through E-Mail only
To

Dated: 20/12/24

1. The Chief Environmental Engineer
Punjab Pollution Control Board,
Patiala/Jalandhar/Ludhiana/Bathinda/HQ/PBIP
2. The Senior Environmental Engineer,
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Zonal Office- Patiala-1/2, Ludhiana-1/2,
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3. The Environmental Engineer,
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Ludhiana-I/II/III/IV/Patiala/Rupnagar/ SAS Nagar/
Sangrur/Moga/Tarn Taran/Sri Muktsar Sahib

Subject: Policy decision regarding grant of consent to the in-house glue manufacturing units installed in the plywood units, where formaldehyde and its different resins (including melamine formaldehyde, urea formaldehyde and phenol formaldehyde) are being used without requisite Environmental Clearance (EC) – clarification thereof.

It is intimated that MoEF&CC vide its letter no. F.No.-IA-Z-11013/141/2024-IA-II(I) dated 13.12.2024 has given clarification regarding requirement of obtaining EC under the provisions of the EIA notification, 2006 for in-house manufacturing of glue by plywood/board/other products manufacturing units to Board letter dated 03.07.2024 as under:-

- As per EIA Notification 2006, manufacturing of Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals falls under Item 5 (f)-Synthetic organic chemicals of Schedule of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 (as amended) and requires to obtain environmental clearance from SEIAA at State level if located in the industrial area or from MoEF&CC at Central level if project is located outside the industrial area, as the case may be.

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- Further, it is clarified that plywood / mica/ veneer manufacturing units having captive manufacturing of Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals fall in the ambit of EIA Notification 2006 as amended from time to time and attract the requirement of prior Environmental Clearance. However, if plywood / mica / veneer manufacturing units procure ready Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals from outside then such plywood / mica / veneer manufacturing units does not attract requirement of environmental clearance as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006.

Ministry has also requested that SPCB shall carry out site inspection and confirm the manufacturing activities within the plant premises and take the decision on requirement of prior EC, accordingly, as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006, as amended. A copy of the clarification is attached herewith for ready reference.

The Competent Authority of the Board has desired that Regional Offices shall send action taken report in the matter immediately after one month.

This is for your kind information & further necessary action, please.

DA/- As above


o/l Environmental Engineer (HQ-2/1)
For Chairman

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Subject: Clarification regarding requirement of obtaining environmental clearance under the provisions of EIA notification dated 14.9.2006 for in-house manufacturing of glue by plywood/board/other products manufacturing units - reg.

Sir,

This is in reference to your letter dated 03.07.2024, wherein you have requested to clarify whether the units, which have installed glue manufacturing kettles in which urea, formaldehyde & other resins used as raw material for the manufacture of glue for its in-house consumption, are covered under the purview of EIA Notification, 2006.

2. It is noted that Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) has referred to the order dated 21.12.2021 passed by Hon'ble NGT in the matter of O.A. no. 298 of 2020 titled as Vineet Nagar v/s Central Ground water authority. and others. The operative part of the order is reproduced as under:

"15. It is made that all units manufacturing formaldehyde and its different resins (including melamine formaldehyde, urea formaldehyde and phenol formaldehyde) without requisite EC as per EIA notification dated 14.9.2006 will be governed by the requirement of such EC. Respective State PCBs may take further action in accordance with law, subject to any contra order of Hon'ble Supreme Court."

3. PPCB has also stated that all the standalone formaldehyde manufacturing units in the State of Punjab are being governed in accordance with the provisions of EIA notification, 2006 as amended from time to time. Further there are number of plywood / mica/ veneer manufacturing units in the State, such units have installed glue manufacturing kettles in which urea, formaldehyde and other resins used as raw material for the manufacturing of glue for its in-house consumption.

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4. As per EIA Notification 2006, manufacturing of Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals falls under Item 5 (f)-Synthetic organic chemicals of Schedule of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 (as amended) and requires to obtain environmental clearance from SEIAA at State level if located in the industrial area or from MoEF&CC at Central level if project is located outside the industrial area, as the case may be.

5. Further, it is clarified that plywood / mica/ veneer manufacturing units having captive manufacturing of Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals fall in the ambit of EIA Notification 2006 as amended from time to time and attract the requirement of prior Environmental Clearance. However, if plywood / mica/ veneer manufacturing units procure ready Phenol Formaldehyde and Melamine Formaldehyde resin chemicals from outside then such plywood / mica/ veneer manufacturing units does not attract requirement of environmental clearance as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006.

6. It is, therefore, requested that SPCB shall carry out site inspection and confirm the manufacturing activities within the plant premises and take the decision on requirement of prior EC, accordingly, as per provisions of EIA Notification 2006, as amended.

This issue with the approval of competent authority.

Yours Sincerely,


(A. N. Singh) 12/12/2024

Director (S) / Scientist 'F'