

**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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F. No. A-110018/01/2021-CAQM /2037-2056 Dated: 30.07.2026

**Subject: Amendment to Direction No. 98 dated 20.02.2026 issued under
Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in
National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 regarding
Stipulation for Particulate Matter Emissions from industries
across Delhi-NCR**

1. **WHEREAS**, industrial stack emissions are a significant contributor to Particulate Matter (PM) concentrations in the National Capital Region (NCR) and also contribute to secondary particulate formation, thereby adversely impacting ambient air quality and public health;
2. **WHEREAS**, since its inception, the Commission has taken a series of measures including switching over of industries on cleaner fuels, prescribing stringent emission standards, and also prescribing standard list of cleaner fuels, inter alia, through Directions Nos. 53, 62, 63, 64 and 65 to curb industrial emissions;
3. **WHEREAS**, the Commission with a view to taking additional steps towards further controlling industrial emission and having considered the recommendations of the CPCB, based on the study of IIT, Kanpur and also the

Technical Committee constituted by CPCB, the Commission being satisfied that PM emission standard of 50 mg/Nm³ is technically achievable and environmentally necessary, issued Statutory Direction no. 98 dated 20.02.2026;

4. **WHEREAS**, stipulating such stringent emission standard was aimed at significantly reducing the emissions from industries and abatement of air pollution from industrial emissions thereby benefitting the people in the immediate vicinity of industrial sources and also resulting in improvement in the overall air quality of the region;
5. **WHEREAS**, the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred upon it under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 directed as under:
 - (i) The maximum permissible limit of particulate matter (PM) emissions from 17 Categories of highly polluting industries identified by CPCB, Red Category (Medium and Large) air polluting industries; Food & Food Processing and Textile industries having boilers/thermic fluid heaters and Metal industries having furnaces, operating in Delhi-NCR, shall be 50 mg/Nm³;

Provided that this standard shall not apply to those industrial units which have been prescribed PM emission standard of less than 50 mg/Nm³ under any applicable consent, direction or statutory provision.
 - (ii) The revised PM emission standard shall be applicable to the industries mentioned above as follows:

(a) Large and Medium industries with effect from 01.08.2026;

(b) Remaining industries with effect from 01.10.2026.

6. **WHEREAS**, the Central Pollution Control Board has informed the Commission that the CPCB together with the SPCBs/DPCC, has been making concerted efforts to ensure timely compliance with the CAQM's Direction No. 98 and CPCB had further issued a direction dated 23.03.2026 in this regard under Section 18(1)(b) of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 to SPCBs of NCR Region and DPCC;
7. **WHEREAS**, CPCB has further informed that a dedicated portal has been developed by CPCB for registration of industries, tracking the status of APCD installation/retrofitment, and identifying industries that qualify for non-installation of APCD on the strength of adequacy assessment reports and exemption certificates followed by regular review meetings;
8. **WHEREAS**, the CPCB also informed that the industry associations have highlighted the challenges being faced in achieving compliance within the prescribed timelines and such delays are attributable primarily to the additional financial burden on industries in the prevailing geopolitical scenario, the long lead times for supply of Air Pollution Control Devices (APCDs), the limited availability of agencies for carrying out APCD adequacy assessments, and the limited number of laboratories recognized under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 which together render the assessment of existing APCDs and the demonstration of compliance difficult;

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9. **WHEREAS**, the CPCB has informed that the industry associations have sought extension of the compliance timelines as stipulated in Direction No. 98, the period sought ranging from three months to one season;
10. **WHEREAS**, the CPCB in view of the issues raised by the industry associations and the current status of APCD work orders for retrofitment/installation and adequacy assessment requested the Commission to consider extension of the timelines for achieving compliance with the revised PM emission norms from 31 July 2026 to 30 September 2026;
11. **WHEREAS**, the Commission has also received representations from various industries as well as industrial associations, highlighting challenges in achieving compliance within the stipulated timelines;
12. **WHEREAS**, the Commission has carefully examined the submissions made by the CPCB, the representations received from industries and industrial association(s) and the prevailing status of compliance and is of the considered view that, while the revised particulate matter emission standard of 50 mg/Nm³ continues to remain technically feasible and environmentally necessary, a limited extension of the timeline for its implementation would facilitate effective and uniform compliance by the industries without compromising the objective of reducing industrial emissions and improving ambient air quality in the NCR;
13. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 and in partial modification of Direction No. 98 dated 20.02.2026, the Commission hereby amends Clause 21(ii) thereof as under:

(ii) The revised PM emission standard shall be applicable to the industries specified in clause 21(i) with effect from 01.10.2026.

14. All other provisions, stipulations and conditions contained in Direction No. 98 dated 20.02.2026 shall remain unchanged.


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