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KSPCB/159/2022-SEE-3

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Categorisation of industries which are not included in categorization list of Central Pollution Control Board

Ref:

1. Circular No. KSPCB/258/2025-SEE-1 dated 28.03.2025
2. Minutes of the Categorisation committee meeting held on 17.12.2025
3. Circular of even no dated 05.01.2025
4. Circular No. KSPCB/258/2025-SEE-1 dated 17.12.2025
5. Circular No. KSPCB/258/2025-SEE-1 dated 14.05.2025
6. Circular No. KSPCB/258/2025-SEE-1 dated 26.07.2025
7. Directions No. CP-18/1/2023-IPC-VI-HO-CPCB-HO dated 16.12.2025

The revised categorisation list of industries under Red/Orange/Green/White/Blue categories as per the direction of Central Pollution Control Board was implemented vide Circular read (1) above. The following industrial sector which is not included in the categorization list was placed in the Categorization Committee meeting held on 17.12.2025. Accordingly recommendations of the Committee was approved as per the Minutes cited 2nd and the following industry is categorized as follows

Item Categorized	Category
Unit engaged in the manufacture of latex preservatives using TMTD (Tetramethylthiuram Disulfide)	Green

Recategorisation of gate and grill manufacturing units

Board has received several requests from Kerala Iron Fabrication association to consider all units engaged in gate and grill works/iron fabrication works in white category.

It is observed that MoEF&CC as well as CPCB have categorised similar sectors such as 'Engineering and fabrication units dry process without any heat treatment/metal surface finishing operations or painting)', 'Assembling units and mechanical workshops (without heat or surface treatment or spray painting)', 'Metal fabrication works and hand tool manufacturing through machines (without heat or surface treatment or spray painting)' in White category. The same has been adopted by the Board vide Circular cited 4th.

Considering the recommendations of Categorization Committee meeting cited 2nd and the pollution potential from such units, it is directed that

- Engineering and fabrication units including those manufacturing gate and grill, with total load less than or equal to 25HP shall apply under the sector

'Engineering and fabrication units including those manufacturing gate and grill, with total load less than or equal to 25HP (dry process without any heat treatment / metal surface finishing operations / painting)' under WHITE category

- Such units having load greater than 25HP shall apply under the sector 'Engineering and fabrication units including those manufacturing gate and grill, with total load greater than 25HP (dry process without any heat treatment / metal surface finishing operations / painting)' under GREEN category
- Adequate pollution control measures shall be in place during the operation of all such units and shall only engage in grinding, cutting, hammering and welding without any heat treatment / metal surface finishing operations / spray painting.

The categorisation of Engineering and Fabrication units including those manufacturing gate and grill issued vide Circular cited 3rd stands modified to the above extend.

The sector '*Engineering fabrication units (dry process without any heat treatment/metal surface finishing operations/painting) - already in white category Others*' categorised under Orange vide Circular No.PCB/T4/115/97 dated 17.03.2017 is cancelled and such industry or process involving metal surface treatment or process/heat treatment shall apply under respective subsectors classified vide Circular cited 1st.

Clarification of 'Small scale restaurant'

Small scale restaurant or hotel without room/cloud kitchens or Resorts (without stay/room facility) was categorised under White Circular cited 4th.as directed by MoEF. It is clarified that small-scale units in terms of restaurants, shall be considered as restaurants with seating capacity up to 20 seats.

The sector 'Restaurants having seating capacity upto 20 seats' categorised vide Circular No.PCB/T4/115/97(B) dated 25.08.2020 stands cancelled..

Clarification of 'Digital printing units'

Vide Circular cited 5th it was directed that '*Digital Printing on flex /vinyl, PVC etc. (more than 5 machines)' under Green. Such units having number of machines 5 and below need not obtain consent of Board.'*

Later considering the fact that the printing shall only be carried out in banners of approved material, strictly adhering to the prevailing Government orders. the sector name was modified as '*Digital Printing in banners of approved material (more than 5 machines)' under Green category'* vide Circular cited 6th

Now Digital Printing on flex or vinyl, PVC etc. (less than 5 machines) is categorised under White as per the Circular cited 4th,as directed by MoEF. The sectors is further modified to the following extent.

- Digital Printing in banners of approved material (greater than or equal to 5 machines)' - Green category
- Digital Printing in banners of approved material (lesser than 5 machines)- White category

Classification of Charcoal Manufacturing units

Board had categorised 'Charcoal Production from Coconut Shell by Pyrolysis' under Orange and 'Charcoal production unit' under Green category vide Circular No. KSPCB/159/2022-SEE 3 dated 10.08.2024 and Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 15.03.2023 respectively.

Now CPCB vide directions cited 7th classified units engaged in Manufacturing of Charcoal as follows;

- Charcoal Manufacturing - Earth mound kilns – Green
- Charcoal Manufacturing - Elevated/above ground kilns or Rotary kilns having production capacity less than 15 TPD – Green
- Charcoal Manufacturing - Elevated/above ground kilns or Rotary kilns having production capacity 15 TPD and more –Orange

The same categorisation is hereby adopted by the Board. They shall be in line with the "Guidelines for Charcoal Manufacturing Units" prepared by CPCB. Classifications of Charcoal manufacturing units issued vide Circular No. KSPCB/159/2022-SEE 3 dated 10.08.2024 and Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 15.03.2023 stand cancelled.

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