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**KSPCB/1067/2025-SEE-1**

**Date: 16/09/2025**

### CIRCULAR(1)

**Sub:** Issue of consent based on Self certification

**Ref:** 1. Minutes of meeting of task force held on 25.03.2025

2. Minutes of High Level Technical Committee held on 12/08/2025

Ease of Doing Business has become a top priority of Government of India as well as Government of Kerala. This has necessitated speedy disposal of consent applications. As per the amended Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (and the proposed amendment to the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 which the legislature of Kerala is yet to adopt), uniform guidelines to grant refuse and cancel the consent has come into effect. As per these guidelines, for Green category units, the time period for granting Consent is reduced from 120 days to 30 days, from the date of receipt of application complete in all respects.

Self-certification is a principle generally adopted in various sectors, all over the country, in tune with all these developments, where permissions/licences/consents/approvals, etc. are granted based on self-certification of the applicant that all the criteria for obtaining consent are completely satisfied. The matter was also discussed in the meeting of task force, constituted as per the SBRAP in connection with Ease of Doing Business (EoDB), held on 25.03.2025 and certain recommendations were put forth for simplifying the procedure of consent management.

The matter was placed in High Level Technical Committee held on 12/08/2025. The committee examined the matter in detail and recommended that, as a part of EoDB, in order to reduce processing time of consent applications, consent can be issued based on self-certification (based on an affidavit in stamp paper of appropriate value, exempting inspection) for the following types of applications.

#### **Category and limit of CI (in Rs)**

<b>Application type</b>	<b>Orange</b>	<b>Green</b>
Consent to Establish (CTE)	50 lakh	75 lakh
Consent to Operate (CTO)	25 lakh	50 lakh
Consent to Establish/ Operate Renewal (CTE- R&CTO-R)	No limit	No limit

The above recommendation on issue of consent based on self certification is accepted. However inspection shall be conducted in cases where there are complaints or litigation.

In view of the above, Circulars no. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 15/02/2006, PCB/T4/115/97 dated 15/10/2007, PCB/T4/115/97(1) dated 21/11/2015, PCB/HO/Circular/57/2019 dated 22/03/2022, stand cancelled.

Signed by **CHAIRPERSON**

**Sreekala S**

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To

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Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alapuzha, Kottayam, Idukki,  
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