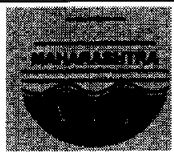


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Sub: COVID Pandemic-Lockdown period exempted from submission of application for consent/Authorization.

Ref: 1. MoEF&CC, Gol Notification dated 18.01.2021.

2. Govt of Maharashtra Order No.DMU/2020/CR.92/DisM-1dated 29/04/2021.

3. Board's Circular No.MPCB/AST/Circular/TB-210507-FTS-0018 dated 07.05.2021.

4. 179th Board Meeting held on 11.01.2023.

It is mandatory on a part of every industry/entrepreneur/establishment to obtain valid Consent to Establish/Operate and Authorization from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board under section 25/26 of The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, under section 21 of The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and under rule 5 of The Hazardous & Other Waste (Management and Transboundary movement) Rule, 2016, combined consent and authorization under The Bio-Medical Waste Management Rule, 2016 and The Solid Waste Management Rule, 2016 and carry out commercial production activity by paying requisite consent/Authorization fees as decided by the Government/Board.

Government of Maharashtra has issued order during Pandemic period for imposition of restrictions. Consequent to outbreak of CORONA Virus (COVID-19) & lockdown situation, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in the public interest had extended the validity of consent to establish /operate /renewal/ Authorisation/ CCAs by 31.07.2020 vide Board's Circular dated 31.03.2020, by 30.09.2020 vide Board's Circular dated 28.04.2020 and by 31.10.2021 vide Board's Circular dated 07.05.2021.

MoEF&CC, Gol vide Notification dated 18th Jan,2021 has passed the order- "9A. Notwithstanding anything contained in this notification, the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the

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31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of Prior Environmental Clearances granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns (total or partial) declared for its control, however, all activities undertaken during this period in respect of the Environmental Clearance granted shall be treated as valid."

The Board has issued Circular dated 12/7/2022 regarding provision of penal fees for occupiers violating combine consent regime prescribed under Air/Water Act.

Now therefore, the period from 1st April,2020 to 31st March, 2021 is exempted for submission of application for consent/Authorization. For this period only regular consent fees will be charged.

This circular is issued with approval of competent authority.


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