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**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)**

(G.O. Ms. No. 14 /ENVT - 2025, Puducherry, dated 30th July 2025)

**NOTIFICATION**

In order to simplify the framework for granting Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 and with the view to improve the ease of doing business, the Department of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Puducherry, hereby notifies the enclosed Guidelines and procedures for the following regulatory activities and / or compliances:

(i) Self-Certification / Third Party Certification for Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

(ii) Allowing renewal of Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 based on Self-Certification / Third party Certification.

(iii) Extending the following special provision to MSMEs

(a) Self-declaration based online certificate for Green and White MSMEs.

(b) Increasing the validity of Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) with necessary safeguards.

(c) Consent to Operate (CTO) to be issued for period coterminus with the life of enterprise.

(d) Checklist with complete information for inspection for Red and Orange Category MSMEs.

(e) Fees for Consent to Establish (CTE) / Consent to Operate (CTO) based on capital investment (land, building, machinery without depreciation) in graded fee structure.

(iv) Auto renewal for Consent to Establish (CTE) / Consent to Operate (CTO) for Small Red, all Orange and Green Category units.

2. In alignment with the extant Act and Rules, these notified guidelines and procedures will henceforth govern the regulation and activities related, among other things, to Empanelment of Third Party Certifying Agencies, Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) on Self-Certification and / or Third Party Certification, Auto renewal based on Self-Certification, Special Provisions to MSMEs, Streamlining Systems, Processes and Information, Digitising Systems, Processes and Information, Enhancing validity of Consent to operate for large scale Industries as outlined in the Annexure to this Notification.

3. The Notification shall come into force with immediate effect.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

**N. UDAYAKUMAR,**

Under Secretary to Government (Environment).

## ANNEXURE

**GUIDELINES****I. Empanelment of Third Party Certifying Agencies**

1. Any Institute / Agency having expertise in the field of Environment Monitoring and having Personnel with relevant qualification in the field of Environment and / or having laboratory facilities to carry out sampling and analysis of effluent, air emission and Solid waste any Academic Institutions having Department related Environment Studies with adequate Infrastructure, any State / Central Government agency, laboratory, autonomous / subordinate body working in the field of Environment, any expert agency in the field of Environment can apply for empanelment as Third Party Certifying Agency.
2. The Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) shall scrutinize such applications and shall empanel only such applicants having requisite technical competency for a specified period.
3. The PPCC shall maintain and update the list of Third Party Certifying Agencies regularly and publish the same in the official website.

**II. Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) on Self-Certification and / or Third Party Certification**

1. The Third Party Certification / Inspection Reports / Monitoring Reports are valid for issue of Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for Large Red, Orange and Green Category Industries.
2. The Third Party Certification / Inspection Reports / Monitoring Reports are valid for continuance of Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for Red and Orange category MSMEs.
3. The Self-Certification is valid for continuance of Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 for Green category MSMEs.

**III. Auto Renewal of Consent Based on Self-Certification**

1. The consent for Red-small, all orange and green category industries shall be renewed without prior inspection based on self-certification.

**IV. Special Provisions to MSMEs**

1. The Consent to Operate shall be issued for period coterminus with the life of enterprise for all MSMEs subject to submission of an Undertaking from the enterprise that it will intimate PPCC / Concerned authorities about the significant change in technology, building plan, Manpower *etc.*, within 60 days. The fees for Consent to Operate for period coterminus with the life of enterprise shall be determined by PPCC.
2. The PPCC shall adopt graded fee structure aligned to the definition of MSME for CTE / CTO fees.
3. There shall be no requirement of Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) for all MSMEs.
4. The Red and Orange category MSMEs shall ensure submission of Third Party Inspection Reports / Inspection reports by PPCC periodically as prescribed by PPCC in the Consent to Operate (CTO). The PPCC shall prescribe a checklist with complete information for Inspection Report.
5. The Green category MSMEs shall submit Self-Certification periodically as prescribed by PPCC in the Consent to Operate (CTO). The PPCC shall prescribe a checklist with complete information for Self-Certification.

**V. Enhancing Validity of Consent to Operate for Large Scale Industries**

1. The validity of Consent to Operate (CTO) shall be 10 years, 15 years and coterminus with the life time of enterprise for all large scale Red, Orange and Green category industries respectively.

**VI. Streamlining systems, Processes and Information**

1. All White Category Industries are exempted from Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate (CTO) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.

2. The PPCC shall issue online Consent to Establish (CTE) and Consent to Operate to all Green Category MSMEs based on Self-Declaration / Self-Certification and the details furnished in the online application without any field Inspection within 3 working days.
3. In all other cases, the PPCC shall issue Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO) and Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) within 21 days.
4. The Third Party Certificates, Inspection Reports, Monitoring Reports are valid for issue of Consent to Establish (CTE), Consent to Operate (CTO) and Renewal of Consent to Operate (CTOR) under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981.
5. The PPCC shall endeavour to encourage Third Party Agencies for inspections, monitoring, submission of reports and compliance to Environmental Laws.

#### **VII. Digitising Systems, Processes and Information**

1. The PPCC shall provide online portal / website with provisions for submission of applications and issue of CTE, CTO, CTOR, authorization and for periodical submission of various reports / returns.
2. The PPCC shall ensure that the applications for CTE, CTO, CTOR and authorization are allocated to its staff on rotation basis through computerized allocation system without manual intervention for unbiased processing.
3. The PPCC shall put in computerised random inspection system for Highly Polluting and Red Category industries with provision to upload inspection reports within 48 hours.