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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FEROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE  
Dated: 16.11.2024



**SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS DUE TO SMOG IN PUNJAB UNDER SECTION 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY 1997**

In wake of smog menace in Punjab, the Environmental Protection Agency Punjab has issued various orders from time to time for imposing different restrictions to safeguard the health of the public from hazardous air quality.

2. The gist of said restrictions imposed from time to time in different districts are given as under for information and better understanding of general public and enforcement agencies:

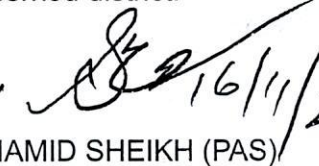
Sr. No.	Districts	Restriction Imposed	Time Duration
1	Lahore and Multan	<p>i. All educational institutes (public &amp; private) including universities, colleges, schools, tuition centres, shall remain closed and shift to online mode system</p> <p>ii. Closure of all outdoor activities including outdoor sports events, exhibitions and festivals, with the exemption of religious congregations, unavoidable religious rites including but not limited to the last rites, Namaz- e-Janaza, burial and related events</p> <p>iii. Complete ban on public entry in all parks (public &amp; private), zoos, play grounds, historical places, monuments, museums and joy/play lands</p> <p>iv. Complete ban on construction activities except for projects of national importance being executed from public exchequer;</p> <p>v. Complete ban on operation of Brick Kilns and furnace-based industry in District Lahore and Multan</p> <p>vi. Complete ban on dine-in (including eatery in car-parking) and services in restaurants after 4:00 pm and takeaway after 8:00 pm till 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024</p> <p>vii. Complete ban on the entry of Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) with following exemptions:</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday).</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p>

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		<p>HTVs carrying fuel, medicines, hospital &amp; food supply items, having valid VICS certification, passenger buses, having valid VICS certification, Emergency vehicles such as Ambulances, fire brigades, vehicles of Rescue 1122, Police and Prisons vehicles and government vehicles with valid VICS certification</p> <p>viii. Closure of shops, markets and shopping malls at 8:00 pm with the following exemptions:</p> <p>a. Pharmacies/ Medical Stores, Medical Facilities and Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, Oil Depots, Tandoors, Atta Chakkies, Milk / Dairy Shops, E-commerce / Call Centres / Postal/Courier Services and Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom/ Passport and NADRA centres.)</p> <p>b. Large departmental stores will only keep their pharmacy sections open while all others sections will remain closed after closing timings</p> <p>c. Facilities and staff related to emergency services, Health Services including Hospitals, Clinics, Laboratories collection points and Medical stores.</p> <p>ix. Reduction in physical presence in government (plan to be made by concerned head of department) and private offices, franchises, NGOs etc to 50% by shifting to online mode / work from home</p> <p>x. Ban on use of fireworks in District Lahore</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (Tuesday)</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> January, 2025 (Friday)</p>
2	Faisalabad And Gujranwala	<p>i. Educational institutions, including tuition centers (public/private) upto Higher Secondary Level (12th Grade/ A-level) to remain closed and shift to online mode with</p> <p>ii. Closure of all outdoor activities including outdoor sports events, exhibitions and festivals, with the exemption of religious congregations, unavoidable religious rites including but not limited to the last rites, Namaz- e-Janaza, burial and related events</p>	<p>24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Sunday)</p>

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		<p>iii. Complete ban on public entry in all parks (public &amp; private), zoos, play grounds, historical places, monuments, museums and joy/play lands</p> <p>v. Closure of shops, markets and shopping malls at 8:00 pm till 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024. However, following sectors are exempted from the said restriction: i. Pharmacies/ Medical Stores, Medical Facilities, Medical Laboratories, Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, Oil Depots, Tandoors, Bakeries, Grocery / Karyana stores, Milk / Dairy Shops, Sweet Shops, Vegetable / Fruit Shops, Chicken / Meat Shops, E-commerce / Postal / Courier Services and Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom). ii. Large departmental stores may only keep their grocery / pharmacy sections open while all others sections will remain closed.</p> <p>v. Reduction in physical presence in government (plan to be made by concerned head of department) and private offices, franchises, NGOs etc to 50% by shifting to online mode / work from home till 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (Tuesday)</p>	<p>24th November 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24th November 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 (Tuesday)</p>
3	Sheikhupura, Kasur, Nankana Sahib, Gujrat, Hafizabad, Mandi Bahudin, Sialkot, Narowal, Chiniot, Jhang, Toba Tek Singh, Lodhran, Vehari and Khanewal	<p>i. Educational institutions, including tuition centers (public/private) upto Higher Secondary Level (12th Grade/ A-level) to remain closed and shift to online mode</p> <p>ii. Complete ban on public entry in all parks (public &amp; private), zoos, play grounds, historical places, monuments, museums and joy/play lands</p>	<p>24th November 2024 (Sunday)</p> <p>24th November 2024 (Sunday)</p>
4	Murree District	No ban due to satisfactory AQI	-
5	Rest of the Districts	Educational institutions, including tuition centers (public/private) upto Higher Secondary Level (12th Grade/ A-level) to remain closed and shift to online mode	24th November 2024 (Sunday)

**Note:** Any exemption to above mentioned restrictions, that may be deemed necessary, be granted by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district.

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- II. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- III. CCPO Punjab
- IV. All the Regional Police Officers of Punjab
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- VI. All the CPOs / DPOs of Punjab
- VII. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
- VIII. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- IX. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore. ~~18-11-2024 Absent~~
- X. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- XI. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- XII. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab ~~18/11/24~~
- XIII. PSO to Provincial Police Officer / IGP for circulation among concerned officers
- XIV. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- XV. All the Deputy / Assistant Directors (Field), EPA Punjab.
- XVI. The In-charge Smog War Room, EPA Headquarters, Lahore.
- XVII. In-charge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab with the request to place this order on the website (epd.punjab.pk) and all the social media platforms
- XVIII. PA to Director General EPA Punjab