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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated:16/04/2025



Subject: ORDER U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 REGARDING TESTING OF VEHICULAR EMISSION OF MOTOR CARS AND LTV

ORDER

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is striving hard to provide for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, promotion of sustainable development.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, it is a matter of growing concern that vehicular emissions are a major source of air pollution in Punjab, responsible for a substantial portion (43% to 83%) of the emission inventory of Punjab leading to the deteriorating Air Quality up to hazardous level. The continuous rise in the number of vehicles is exacerbating this issue, posing a serious and immediate threat to the environment and public health.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the Section 15(1) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 states that no person shall operate a motor vehicle from which air pollutants or noise are being emitted in an amount, concentration or level which is in excess of the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS). Furthermore, Section 15(2) of the ibid Act stipulates that for ensuring compliance with the standards, EPA may direct that any motor vehicle or class of vehicles shall install such pollution control devices or other equipment or use such fuels or undergo such maintenance or testing as may be prescribed.

4. **AND WHEREAS** Rule 4 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Motor Vehicles) Rules, 2013 empowers that the authorized officers of EPA are fully competent to inspect, examine or check vehicular emissions, exhaust, noise, vibration and smoke of any motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles at any time in the whole Punjab.


5. **AND WHEREAS** Rule 9 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023 empowers EPA Punjab to impose administrative penalties on the owner of vehicles exceeding the limits of Punjab Environmental Quality Standards.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, Policy Area 2, Mitigation Measure 4 Clause 4.4 and 4.11 of the Climate Resilient Punjab Vision and Action Plan, 2024 entrusts EPA Punjab the responsibility to append the issuance of fitness certificate with compliance of environmental quality standards for vehicular emissions and Configure state-of-the-art vehicular emission testing setup in existing and prospective VICS Stations.

7. **AND WHEREAS** Section 6(1)(k) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to certify one or more laboratories as approved laboratories for conducting tests and analysis and all such laboratories can carry out all tests and analyses, measurements, experimental studies and investigations under Regulation 9(1)(b) of the National Environmental Quality Standards (Certification of Environmental Laboratories) Regulations, 2000;

8. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1) (t) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to take or cause to be taken all necessary measures for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution and promotion of sustainable development.

9. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 do hereby order that **all the authorized officers of EPA, as well as the certified laboratories in the presence of authorized officers of EPA, shall test the vehicular emission/ exhaust of motor cars and Light Transport Vehicles across Punjab.**

 a) In case of the vehicles which comply the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS), the concerned authorized officer of EPA shall affix duly approved green sticker on the left bottom of rear glass of the vehicle. However, where the affixation of green sticker on the left bottom of rear glass is not possible, the said green sticker shall be affixed on left bottom of front glass/ windscreen.

b) In case of vehicles which do not comply the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS), the concerned authorized officer of EPA shall either impose fine under The Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules 2023 or proceed against the said vehicle under the provisions of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Motor Vehicles) Rules 2013.

10.

This order shall come into force with effect with immediate effect.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 16th day of April, 2025.

Handwritten initials and date:
D/C
17/4/25

Handwritten signature:
M. Imran

DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH (PAS)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PUNJAB

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- 17-04-25* i. The Secretary Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. All the Administrative Secretaries, Govt of the Punjab *Scif*
- iii. The Provincial Police Officer/IGP, Punjab, Lahore.
- iv. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- v. Capital City Police Officer Lahore
- vi. All the Regional Police Officers of Punjab *M. H. J.*
- vii. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity. *17-4-25*
- viii. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
- ix. All the CPOs / DPOs of Punjab
- 17-04-25* x. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- xi. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore. *17-04-2025*
- xii. The Additional Secretary (Incharge Environmental Affairs), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- xiii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore. *17/4/2025*
- xiv. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA, Lahore. *17/4*
- xv. All the Directors, EPA HQ, Lahore.
- xvi. The Director ML&I with the direction to arrange necessary support from divisional labs of EPA and from private certified laboratories to accomplish this task
- xvii. The Director Admin, EPA Punjab, with the direction to provide all necessary and logistical support for successful implementation of this order.
- xviii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- xix. All Deputy/ Assistant Directors (Field) Punjab, with the direction to ensure strict implementation of the directions in the field
- xx. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA, Lahore for necessary action
- xxi. The Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
- xxii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab. *17/4*

