



Subject: **ORDER U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 FOR FUEL QUALITY TESTING AT RETAIL OUTLETS OF GASOLINE AND HIGH SPEED DIESEL**

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**, as per Section 2(xxxiii) of The Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, **pollution** means the contamination of air, land or water by the discharge or emission of effluents or wastes or air pollutants or noise or other matter which either directly or indirectly or in combination with other discharges or substances alters unfavorably the chemical, physical, biological, radiation, thermal or radiological or aesthetic properties of the air, land or water or which may, or is likely to make the air, land or water unclean, noxious or impure or injurious, disagreeable or detrimental to the health, safety, welfare or property of persons or harmful to biodiversity;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, in view of Rule 11 of the Pakistan Petroleum (Refining, Blending and Marketing) Rules, 1971, the Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 2(n) of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023, has declared that Gasoline or High-Speed Diesel which does not comply with the specifications approved by OGRA shall be deemed as **sub-standard fuel**, vide order No. 259/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 29.05.2025;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, in exercise of the power conferred under Section 15 (2) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, this agency vide order No. 260/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 29.05.2025 has directed that motor vehicles plying on the roads within the territorial jurisdiction of Punjab shall not use the fuel which does not comply with the standards of Gasoline and High Speed Diesel established by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), Pakistan;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, after issuance of order No. 260/PA/DG/EPA/2025 dated 29.05.2025, it is the obligation réciproque of this Agency to ensure availability of Gasoline

and High Speed Diesel as per standards established by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA), Pakistan;

6. **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;

7. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that no retail outlet shall store, sell, or purchase Gasoline or High-Speed Diesel that does not conform to the specifications approved by the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (OGRA);

8. This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.

9. Any violation of this order shall be punishable under Section 188 PPC in addition to Rule 11 (read with Sr. No.7 of Schedule) and Rule 12 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023.

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

Issued under my hand and seal on this 29th day of May, 2025.

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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Secretary Environment & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- ii. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- iii. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
- iv. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab
- v. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- vi. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- vii. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- viii. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- ix. The Additional Director Generals (Ops & Imp.), EPA HQs, Lahore.
- x. The Director (Labs) and Director (EIA) EPA w.r.t to order No. 79/DG/EPA/2024 dated 27.08.2024 with the direction to ensure implementation in true letter and

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- xi. All the Directors, EPA HQs Punjab
- xii. All the Deputy / Assistant Directors (Field/Labs), EPA Punjab
- xiii. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- xiv. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing, EPA, Lahore.
- xv. Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
- xvi. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.

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