



No. 287/PA/DG/EPA/2025
GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 14/07/2025



Subject: **ORDER UNDER SECTION 15(2) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 REGARDING VEHICULAR EMISSIONS – COMPLIANCE THROUGH VICS TESTING**

ORDER

WHEREAS, vehicular emissions constitute a significant source of environmental pollution, particularly in urban areas, and addressing such emissions is imperative for ensuring compliance with the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards (PEQS) notified under the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the Vehicle Inspection and Certification System (VICS) is a duly established and authorized network operating under the ambit of Transport and Mass transit Department, Government of the Punjab, as a scientific and standardized facility for conducting mechanical and emission testing of transport vehicles, including Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) and Public Service Vehicles (PSVs);

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the Environment Protection Agency (EPA), Punjab is mandated under Section 6 and Section 15 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 to monitor and enforce environmental standards, including vehicular emissions, and to issue appropriate directions for compliance with such standards;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, the Honorable Lahore High Court, in its order dated 12.07.2024 passed in Writ Petition No. 227807/2018 titled Haroon Farooq vs. Government of Punjab, etc., has directed as under:

"In this regard, a letter dated 03.07.2024 has been placed on record addressed by the DG, EPA to the Secretary, Provincial Transport Authority (PTA), Punjab which requests that a direction be issued to all the Secretaries of Regional Transport Authorities (RTAs) in Punjab to conduct a comprehensive emission testing program for all public transport vehicles and trucks operating on Lahore routes and after giving a reasonable time for maintenance, otherwise their route permits shall be cancelled. It is directed that the Secretary, PTA, Punjab shall act on the letter written by DG, EPA and instructions shall be passed on to all the Secretaries of RTAs in Punjab on the issue and to follow the request made by EPA, Punjab in this regard."

5. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 15(2) read with Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that any Heavy Transport Vehicle (HTV) or Public Service Vehicle

(PSV), duly registered in Punjab, that has not undergone and / or not passed the inspection w.r.t. exhaust emissions from any Vehicle Inspection and Certification System (VICS) center in Punjab shall be considered in violation of the provisions of the Act ibid and relevant Rules made thereunder and proceedings under Rule 4 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Motor Vehicle) Rules, 2013 shall be initiated accordingly.



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

Issued under my hand & seal on this 14th day of July, 2025.



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

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- i. The Secretary, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Punjab.
 - ii. The Secretary, Transport and Mass Transit Department, Punjab.
 - iii. All the Commissioners of Punjab.
 - iv. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
 - v. All the Deputy Commissioners of the Punjab.
 - vi. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore. 
 - vii. The Additional Secretary (In charge Environmental Affairs), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
 - viii. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab.
 - ix. All the Directors, EPA Punjab. *15/7/25*
 - x. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
 - xi. The Secretary, Provincial Transport Authority, Punjab.
 - xii. The Secretary, Judicial Water and Environment Commission (JW&EC), Lahore. 
 - xiii. Law Officer, Punjab Environmental Tribunal.
 - xiv. The Deputy Director (Strategy and Analysis Wing), EPA HQs, Lahore.
 - xv. All Deputy Director (Field) / Assistant Director (Field), EPA Punjab for compliance and necessary action.
 - xvi. The Incharge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
 - xvii. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.
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