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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
QADDAFI STADIUM, LAHORE
Dated: 04 / 11 /2025



Subject: ORDER UNDER SECTION 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997 REGARDING AUTHORIZATION OF QUALIFIED BODY OR FIRM OR COMPANY FOR HANDING AND MANAGING RISK WASTE GENERATED BY HOSPITALS

WHEREAS, the 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**, under Rule 28 of the Punjab Hospital Waste Management Rules, 2014, no hospital which generates risk waste can enter into any agreement with any qualified body or firm or company for handling and managing hospital waste without getting prior authorization from the Environmental Protection Agency;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Rule 2(1) (xxii) of the Rules ibid, risk waste means infectious waste, pathological waste, sharps, pharmaceutical, genotoxic waste, chemical waste and radioactive waste;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, in the meeting of Provincial Hospital Waste Advisory Committee duly constituted under Rule 24 of the Rules ibid held on 07.10.2025, it came to the surface that hospitals which generate risk waste are entering into agreement with different bodies or firms or companies for handling and managing the hospital risk waste without getting prior authorization from the Environmental Protection Agency;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, it was observed in the meeting ibid that there is a strong probability that such practice of such hospitals is not only illegal, ultra vires, void ab initio, felonious and without any lawful authority but may also cause adverse environmental effects;

6. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1) (t) of the Act ibid 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. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 16 the Act ibid empowers that the Environmental Protection Agency, if satisfied, may direct any person by an order to take all necessary measures as considered necessary within such period as may be specified in the Order to prevent adverse environmental effect of any activity including but not limited to discharge or emission of any effluent, waste, air pollutant or noise, or the disposal of waste, or handling of hazardous substance, or any other act or omission which may cause adverse environmental effect;

8. **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, upon satisfaction that the violation of Rule 28 of the Punjab Hospital waste management Rules 2014 by the hospital is causing adverse environmental effect and in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Sections 5(4), 6(1)(t) and 16(1) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that:

The management of each public and private hospital generating risk waste shall apply to the Environmental Protection Agency through designated portal on the official website of the Environment Protection and Climate Change Department (www.epd.punjab.gov.pk) by 15th day of December, 2025 for issuance of authorization in favor of any qualified body or firm or company for handling and managing risk waste of their concerned hospital. Any manual application in this regard submitted in any office / Sub Office / Facilitation Desk of EPA Punjab shall NOT be entertained.

9. Any contravention of this order shall be dealt under Section 16 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 which may result into immediate stoppage of the operations of the said hospital.

10. This order shall come into force with immediate effect within the territorial jurisdiction of Punjab and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.

Issued under my hand and seal this 4th day of November, 2025.



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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

1. The Secretary, Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Punjab.
2. The Secretary, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, Punjab
3. The Secretary, Health & Population Department, Punjab
4. All the Commissioners/Chairpersons Divisional Hospital Waste Supervisory Committees, Punjab
5. The Chairperson, Punjab Healthcare Commission, Lahore
6. The Director General, Health Services, Punjab
7. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
8. All the Deputy Commissioners/ Chairpersons District Hospital Waste Supervisory Committees, Punjab
9. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
10. The Additional Secretary (In charge Environmental Affairs), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.

11. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab.
12. All the Directors, EPA Punjab.
13. The Director (EDH), EPA Punjab with the direction to ensure proper working of the said digital portal, expeditious processing of all said cases received digitally through e-FOAS and issuance of e-authorization certificate after getting approval from the Director General, EPA Punjab
14. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
15. The Secretary, Judicial Water and Environment Commission (JW&EC), Lahore.
16. Law Officer, Punjab Environmental Tribunal.
17. The Deputy Director (Strategy and Analysis Wing), EPA HQs, Lahore.
18. All Deputy Director (Field) / Assistant Director (Field), EPA Punjab.
19. The In-charge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab.
20. Mr. Muhammad Fahad, Assistant Director (Legal) **to act as Registrar of this system**
21. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.