



ORDER TO IMPOSE BAN ON ENTRY OF HEAVY TRANSPORT VEHICLES (HTV) ON SPECIFIED DAYS IN DISTRICT LAHORE U/S 6(1) (t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997

ORDER

WHEREAS, Government of Punjab is striving hard to control all possible intrinsic factors which cause air pollution and deteriorate quality of ambient air. Pre-emptive measures against all the sources of air pollution have already been started by EPA as well as other concerned departments.

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**, Government of Punjab has notified a Health Advisory System for Critical Air Pollution Events (HAS-CAPEs) on 13-12-2022 under which the 1st meeting of Provincial CAPEs Committee (PCC) was held on 21-10-2024 which declared that Critical Air Pollution Event has taken place in Lahore, keeping in view the current high levels of Air Quality Index (AQI).

4. **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;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, after thorough analysis of deterioration of air quality in Lahore, it has been determined that vehicular emission is the major source of air pollution in Lahore. Furthermore, the analytics show that volume of traffic increases vehemently on Friday and Sunday evenings/nights. This situation is aggravated by movement of Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTV) resulting into extreme deterioration of air quality in Lahore.

6. **NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of the powers conferred upon me u/s 6(1) (t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that there shall be complete ban on the entry of Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) in District Lahore on Friday and Sunday nights. The HTVs may enter in District Lahore as per their already specified timings in other nights of the week.**

7. The followings HTVs shall be exempted from the said ban:

- i. The Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) carrying fuel, medicines, hospital & food supply items, having valid VICS certification.
- ii. The passenger buses, having valid VICS certification.
- iii. Emergency vehicles such as Ambulances, fire brigades, vehicles of Rescue 1122, Police and Prisons vehicles.
- iv. Government vehicles with valid VICS certification.

8. **Any contravention to this order shall be punished u/s 188 PPC and any other relevant legal framework.**

9. This order shall come into force from **8th November, 2024** and shall remain in force till **31st January, 2024**.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 3rd day of November, 2024.


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

Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- i. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab.
- ii. The Secretary, Transport Department, Lahore.
- iii. The Secretary, C&W Department, Lahore.
- iv. The Commissioner, Lahore.
- v. The Director General, LDA.
- vi. The Director General, DGPR, Lahore.
- vii. The Chairperson, Ring Road Authority, Lahore.
- viii. The DIG, NH&MP, Lahore.
- ix. The Deputy Commissioner, Lahore for enforcement of orders at (but not limited to) the following entry/exit points:
 - Thokar Niaz Baig, Multan Road
 - Babu Sabu Interchange
 - Sagian Pull
 - Shahdra Chowk
 - Mehmood Booti, Lahore-Sialkot Motorway/Eastern Bypass
 - Gajumatta, Lahore-Kasur Road
 - All ring road interchanges

- x. The Chief Traffic Officer, Lahore for enforcement of orders.
- xi. The Secretary DRTA, Transport Department, Lahore for enforcement of orders.
- xii. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab.
- xiii. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- xiv. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- xv. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- xvi. The Chief Officer, Metropolitan Corporation Lahore.
- xvii. The Deputy Director (Environment), Lahore.
- xviii. The Larry Adda Administrators, Lahore.
- xix. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D.
- xx. PA to Director General EPA Punjab.