



Subject: **ORDER U/S 15 OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 FOR COMPLIANCE OF PEQS BY INSTITUTIONAL HTVS**

### ORDER

**WHEREAS**, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt of the Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impact of smog that is likely to prevail in the winter season. Pre-emptive measures against the sources of air pollution have already been started by EPA as well as concerned departments;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, vehicular pollution caused by faulty and improperly maintained vehicles has been identified as one of the major contributors to the smog formation;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, as per Section 15 of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, 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;

4. **AND WHEREAS** Section 15 (2) of the ibid Act empowers EPA to issue directions to any motor vehicle or class of vehicles to install such pollution control devices or other equipment or use such fuels or undergo such maintenance or testing as may be prescribed;

5. **AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Punjab has also promulgated Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules 2023, whereby no vehicle is allowed to exhaust emission beyond permissible limits and EPA is authorized to take action and impose administrative penalty on such violations;

6. **AND WHEREAS**, an order has already been issued by EPA Punjab vide No. 62/PA to DG/EPA/2024 dated 15.07.2024 for the maintenance of vehicles to ensure compliance of Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Motor Vehicles Exhaust and Noise;

7. **AND WHEREAS** under Rule 5 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Motor Vehicles) Rules 2013, the EPA Punjab may impound, with the help of local Police, the motor vehicle which is being operated in contravention of these rules after the days mentioned on the direction slip or even after the imposition of administrative penalty.

8. **NOW THEREFORE**, I, Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab in exercise of powers conferred upon me U/S 15(2) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, do hereby order that all public and private educational institutions, healthcare establishments as well as industrial units shall ensure inspection and maintenance of their Heavy Transport Vehicles through Vehicle Inspection & Certification System (VICS) duly established by Transport Department, employed for pick & drop of students and/or staff.

Any contravention to this order shall be dealt with as per relevant legal framework.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.



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

**Copy is forwarded with the request to circulate this order among the heads of Institutions concerned for compliance:**

- i. All Deputy Commissioners, Punjab
- ii. The Secretary, Higher Education Department, Punjab
- iii. The Secretary, School Education Department, Punjab
- iv. The Secretary, Special Education Department, Punjab
- v. The Secretary, Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education Department, Punjab
- vi. The Secretary, Health and Population Department, Punjab
- vii. The Secretary, Industries, Commerce and Investment Department, Punjab
- viii. The Secretary, Skills Development & Entrepreneurship Department, Punjab

**Copy forwarded for necessary action**

- ix. The Director General (Excise and Taxation) with a request to direct Excise and Taxation officers of all the districts to share data/ information of registered HTVs in the names of Educational, Health & Industrial Institutions to District Officers (Env) for further necessary actions, please.
- x. The General Manager, Vehicle Inspection & Certification System (VICS) to ensure that no vehicle gets VICS certificate unless it complies with the Punjab Environmental Quality Standards for Motor Vehicles Exhaust and Noise duly notified vide EPA No.SO(G)/EPD/7-26/2013 dated 05.08.2016.
- xi. The Additional Director General (Ops), EPA Punjab to supervise the compliance status of this order and submit weekly report to the Director General EPA Punjab
- xii. All District Officers (Env) with the direction to:
  - a. Inspect the HTVs of the above-mentioned institutions / establishments in their concerned district
  - b. Issue direction slips under Punjab Environmental Protection (Motor Vehicles) Rules 2013, where needed
  - c. Impound the non-compliant Heavy Transport Vehicle after expiry of the deadline duly given in the direction slips.
  - d. Keep close liaison with concerned Chamber of Commerce and Industries

**Copy forwarded for information:**

- e. The Secretary, Environment Protection & Climate Change Department, Punjab
- f. The Secretary, Transport and Mass Transit Department, Punjab
- g. All the Divisional Commissioners, Punjab
- h. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- i. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- j. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- k. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- l. The Additional Director Generals (Imp.), EPA, Lahore.
- m. All the Directors, EPA, Punjab
- n. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Board, Punjab.
- o. The In-charge, Strategy and Analysis Wing EPA, Punjab
- p. The In charge, Social Media Team, EPA Punjab
- q. PA to Director General, EPA Punjab