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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FEROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 24.11.2024



SUBJECT: ORDERS TO MITIGATE SMOG UNDER SECTION 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997

Owing to improvement in Air Quality Index (AQI), the smog restrictions are revised as under:

Sr. No.	District	Restrictions
i.	Lahore, Multan, Faisalabad and Gujranwala	<p>i. Shops, markets and shopping malls shall be closed after 08:00pm throughout the week (including Saturday and Sunday). However, following sectors are exempted from the said restriction:</p> <p>a. Pharmacies/ Medical Stores, Medical Facilities, Medical Laboratories, Vaccination Centers, Petrol Pumps, Oil Depots, Tandoors, Bakeries, Grocery / Karyana stores, Milk / Dairy Shops, Sweet Shops, Vegetable / Fruit Shops, Chicken / Meat Shops, E- commerce / Postal / Courier Services and Utility Services (Electricity, Natural Gas, Internet, Cellular Networks / Telecom).</p> <p>b. Large departmental stores may only keep their grocery / pharmacy sections open while all others sections will remain closed.</p> <p>ii. All Hotels, restaurants, fast food chains and food outlets are allowed to provide services (including indoor and outdoor dine-in and take-away and eatery in car parking) till 10:00 PM. There shall be no restriction on home delivery services round the clock.</p> <p>iii. Open Barbeque is only allowed in restaurants having proper suction hood system to control smoke till</p>

		<p>10:00 pm (said SOPs are available on the official website of EP&CCD www.epd.punjab.gov.pk)</p> <p>iv. Construction activities shall resume subject to observance of SOPs for Control of Fugitive Dust duly notified by EPA Punjab (said SOPs are available on the official website of EP&CCD www.epd.punjab.gov.pk)</p> <p>v. Operation of Brick Kilns (Zigzag only) and Furnaces (with functional ECS only) may resume subject to compliance of SOPs given in Smog (Control & Prevention) Rules 2023;</p> <p>vi. There shall be complete ban on use of fireworks</p> <p>vii. All government and private offices, franchises, NGOs etc are allowed to resume operations on 100% workforce;</p> <p>viii. District Lahore only: Ban on entry of Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) on Friday and Sunday with following exemptions: HTVs carrying fuel, medicines, hospital & food supply items, having valid VICS certification, passenger buses, having valid VICS certification, Emergency vehicles such as Ambulances, fire brigades, vehicles of Rescue 1122, Police and Prisons vehicles and government vehicles with valid VICS certification</p>
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2. In addition, the **Educational Institutions** shall not open before **08:45 am** in the whole province.

3. Any exemption to above mentioned restrictions, that may be deemed necessary, be granted by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district.

4. **General advice** for the public:

- a. Wear a face mask in open areas;
- b. Adults with more than 65 years of age shall avoid strenuous exercise;
- c. People with heart and lung diseases must consult their doctor before visiting outdoors; and
- d. Children with age less than 5 years shall avoid extended hours in playgrounds.

5. This order shall come into force with effect from 24th November, 2024 (Sunday) and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.

6. Any contravention to this order shall be punished U/S 188 PPC.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 24th day of November, 2024.

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

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- I. All administrative Secretaries of Punjab
- II. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- III. CCPO Punjab
- IV. All the Regional Police Officers of Punjab
- V. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab for circulation among relevant government officers and private associations
- VI. All the CPOs / DPOs of Punjab
- VII. The DG Public Relations (DGPR) with a request to ensure wide publicity.
- VIII. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- IX. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- X. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- XI. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- XII. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- XIII. PSO to Provincial Police Officer / IGP for circulation among concerned officers
- XIV. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- XV. All the Deputy / Assistant Directors (Field), EPA Punjab.
- XVI. The In-charge Smog War Room, EPA Headquarters, Lahore.
- XVII. In-charge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab with the request to place this order on the website (epd.punjab.pk) and all the social media platforms
- XVIII. PA to Director General EPA Punjab