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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION DEPARTMENT
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM FERROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 19/06/2025



Subject: **ORDER U/S 6(1)(T) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1997 FOR PROHIBITION ON MOVEMENT OF SUBSTANDARD FUEL (SCRAP / SHREDDED TYRES, TYRE CARBON, RUBBER AND PYRO-OIL) IN TEHSILS OF WAGHA, SHALIMAR AND RAVI, DISTRICT LAHORE TO ENSURE DYSFUNCTIONALITY OF PYROLYSIS PLANTS**

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab is dedicated to the protection, conservation, rehabilitation, and improvement of the environment, prevention and control of pollution, and promotion of sustainable development;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, Rule 2(n) of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention & Control) Rules 2023 defines “**substandard fuel**” as *hard coke, tyres, plastic, rubber, latex, lather, Rexene, tyre carbon, pyro-oil, rags, plastic waste lumps, hospital waste, hazardous waste or any other such fuels as specified by the Agency*;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, multiple reports of recently established Drone Surveillance Squad (DSS) operating under the supervision of Additional Director General (Operations) have provided irrefutable evidence that significant movement of the substandard fuel (scrap / shredded tyres, tyre carbon, rubber and pyro-oil) used for operation of tyre pyrolysis plants is taking place in the areas of Tehsil Shalimar, Wagha and Ravi of District Lahore leading to illegal operation of tyre pyrolysis plants;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Rule 6(1) of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention & Control) Rules 2023 provides that “*no person shall be allowed to operate tyre pyrolysis plants in the province*”;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997 empowers the 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;

6. **NOW, THEREFORE**, in exercise of the powers conferred upon me under Section 6(1)(t) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh, PAS, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, do hereby order

that to and fro movement of substandard fuel (scrap / shredded tyres, tyre carbon, rubber and pyro-oil) in the territorial jurisdiction of **Tehsils of Shalimar, Wagha and Ravi** of District Lahore is hereby prohibited to ensure dysfunctionality of tyre pyrolysis plants.

7. Any violation of this order shall be punishable under **Section 188 of the Pakistan Penal Code (PPC)** as well as under Rule 11 and 12 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention & Control) Rules 2023.

This order shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force until modified / withdrawn.

Issued under my hand and seal on this 20th day of June, 2025.

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 Commissioner Lahore Division, Lahore
- iii. **The Deputy Commissioner Lahore for circulation of this order amongst Assistant Commissioners of Tehsil Wagha, Shalimar and Ravi of District Lahore for strict implementation**
- iv. The Capital City Police Officer, Lahore
- v. **The DIG (Operations), Lahore for circulation of this order amongst Police Stations of Tehsil Wagha, Shalimar and Ravi of District Lahore for strict implementation**
- vi. **The Chief Executive Officer, RUDA for extending support in establishment of check-posts in the area under RUDA's responsibility for implementation of this order**
- vii. The Additional Secretary (In-charge Environmental Affairs) to Chief Minister
- viii. The Additional Director General (Implementation), EPA Punjab
- ix. **The Additional Director General (Operations), EPA Punjab w.r.t his reports of Drone Surveillance Squad. He is hereby authorized to conduct detailed third-party validation of implementation status of this order and take action if any violation of this order is found.**
- x. All Directors of EPA Punjab
- xi. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- xii. **The Deputy Director (Tech / Environment), Lahore, EPA Punjab, for strict implementation and necessary action.**
- xiii. **The Deputy Director, Strategy and Analysis Wing (SAW), EPA HQs Lahore for daily analysis of drone surveillance and report to undersigned about real-time**

situation of pyrolysis plants

- xiv. PS to Senior Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D Punjab
- xv. PA to Director General EPA Punjab