



**TESTING OF VEHICULAR EMISSIONS OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT THEIR
MANUFACTURING / ASSEMBLING UNITS AND DISTRIBUTION POINTS TO
ENSURE ENFORCEMENT OF PEQS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE EXHAUST AND
NOISE U/S 6(1)(t) OF THE PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1997**

ORDER

WHEREAS, Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Punjab is striving hard to combat the devastating impacts of smog that is likely prevail from October-December, 2024. 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**, one of the key contributors of smog is the harmful vehicular emissions which significantly increase the risk to human health and life;

3. **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;

4. **AND WHEREAS** under Section 4(1)(c) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, the Punjab Environment Quality Standards for motor vehicle exhaust and noise have been notified vide SO(G) /EPA/7-26/2013 dated 05.08.2016.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Section 6(1)(f) of the ibid Act it is among the functions of Environmental Protection Agency to ensure enforcement of Punjab Environmental Quality Standards;

6. **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;

7. **AND WHEREAS**, under Section 12 of Punjab Environmental Protection Act 1997, no proponent of a project shall commence construction or operation unless he has filed with the Provincial Agency an initial environmental examination or, where the project is likely to cause an adverse environmental effect, an environmental impact assessment, and has obtained from the Provincial Agency approval in respect thereof.

8. **AND WHEREAS** as per Section 15 of 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.

9. **AND WHEREAS** Section 15(2) of the Act empowers EPA to issue direction for compliance with the standards and agency may monitor/inspect any motor vehicle or class of vehicles regarding installation of such pollution control devices or other equipment or use such fuels or undergone such maintenance or testing as may be prescribed.

10. **AND WHEREAS** the Government of the Punjab has also promulgated Punjab Environmental Protection (Smog Prevention and Control) Rules, 2023, whereby under Rule 9, no vehicle is allowed to exhaust emissions beyond permissible limits and EPA is authorized to take action and impose administrative penalty on such violations.

11. **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, henceforth, the following conditions shall be added in the Environmental Approval to be given to the motor vehicle manufacturing, assembling units and distribution points:

- i. The proponent shall submit monthly monitoring report of vehicular emission test conducted upon the assembled/ manufactured motor vehicles to EPA Field office.
- ii. The EPA's laboratories shall conduct vehicular emission testing of manufactured/assembled vehicles ready to be sold, randomly, at the manufacturing/ assembling site and distribution points and the project proponent shall be bound to assist EPA Staff in the said testing process at any stage of the project.

It is further ordered that the above mentioned clauses shall be deemed to be part of Environmental Approvals already issued to manufacturing/assembling units and distribution points of motor vehicles.

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

Issued under my hand and seal on this 16th day of September, 2024.



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Director General
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