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Circular

- Sub:** 1) Categorization of new or left-over White category industries on Directions issued u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 vide dated 12/02/2025.
2) Self declaration for grant of consent under White category

- Ref:** 1) Directions issued u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories issued by CPCB vide dated 12/02/2025.
2) Constitution of committee for Categorization of new or left-over White Category industries vide dated 19/05/2025.

The Central Pollution Control Board has issued Directions u/s 18(1)(b) of The Water (P & CP) Act, 1974 and The Air (P & CP) Act, 1981 regarding harmonization of classification of industrial sectors under Red, Orange, Green, White & Blue categories issued by CPCB vide dated 12/02/2025.

The CPCB in the said directions has directed that any further addition of any new or left-out sector & their classification which is not listed in revised list of Red, Orange, Green & White categories, shall be done at the level of concerned SPCB by constituting a committee & following revised criteria & guidelines as detailed in the report and no concurrence of CPCB shall normally be required

In compliance with these Directions, the MPC Board, vide Office Order dated 19/05/2025, constituted a Committee comprising the Technical Heads of Departments (HoDs) for the categorization of new or left-over White category industries. The White category is considered "practically non-polluting". The Committee has since identified 222 new White category industries, along with 56 sectors already identified by CPCB. The consolidated list of these 222 White category industries which is enclosed herewith for reference.

As per MoEF & CC letter No. Q-15012/2/2022/-CPW-Part(1)/e-240741, dated 14/11/2024 Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for implementation of the said Notification dated 12/11/2024, the consents for White category industries will be granted based on self-certification by the respective White category industries on the portal of the MPC Board.

This circular shall be implemented scrupulously from the issuance of this letter without fail.



(Ravindra Andhale)
Member Secretary

Copy submitted to: The Hon'ble Chairman, MPC Board Mumbai- for Favor of information.

Copy to:

- 1) All HODs, MPC Board Mumbai. - For information & necessary action.
- 2) PRO, MPCB Mumbai. ***He is directed to give publicity of the 222 new White category by way of social media, website, awareness & news in leading newspapers.***

Copy to:

- 1) All Regional Officer, MPC Board. ***They are directed to ensure that the above 222 new White category shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity.***
- 2) All Sub-Regional Officer, MPC Board. ***They are directed to ensure that the above 222 new White category shall be brought to the notice of all Industrial Associations in their jurisdiction & give wide publicity.***
- 3) SO/EIC- ***He is directed to host the Office Order along with list of 222 new White category industries on Board's website.***

MPCB Left out of White Category Industries

Sr. No.	Name and Type of Industrial Activities in white category
1	Agarbatti (incense sticks) and dhoop (Natural i.e., without use of solvents/chemicals)
2	Agricultural services not elsewhere classified (like harvesting & threshing)
3	Aluminium, Stainless Steel, Brass Vessel marking units having only process, without use of buffing, spinning polishing and pickling, washing, Hot/Cold rolling annealing furnace and anodizing processes
4	Artificial jewelry making (Hand made)
5	Assembling of Air/water cooler and refrigerator
6	Assembling of Almirah, Grill Manufacturing (Without Painting)
7	Assembling of Computer (only hardware)
8	Assembling of rackets for badminton, lawn tennis, table tennis, etc.
9	Assembling of weighing machines
10	Assembling units for TV, VCR, Radio sets, Tape Recorders, etc.
11	Assembly of bicycles, baby carriages and other small non motorizing vehicles
12	Assembly of electrical and electronic items
13	Assembly of Household appliances and kitchen equipment, without wet process.
14	Assembly of match boxes on cottage scale.
15	Assembly of Musical instruments (without wet process)
16	Attar formulation units
17	Automobile Body building (without wet process)
18	Automobile fuel outlets (only dispensing)
19	Bailing (hydraulic press) of waste papers
20	Bamboo crafts and furniture
21	Basket weaving
22	Beekeeping and honey processing
23	Bio fertilizer and bio-pesticides manufacturing units (without using organic chemicals)
24	Biscuits trays etc. manufacturing units (from rolled PVC sheet using automatic vacuum forming machines)
25	Blended khadi (cotton-silk, wool-silk)
26	Block making of printing without foundry (excluding wooden block making)
27	Body building of wooden boats & trawlers
28	Book Binding.
29	Button & hooks manufacturing units (without any surface treatment)
30	Candle making
31	Cane product manufacturing
32	Carpentry & furniture units without Seasoning without electrical motor
33	Carpet weaving
34	Ceramic products manufacturing by sun drying
35	Clay idol manufacturing (without painting activity)
36	Common salt crushing and packing units
37	Compressed oxygen gas manufacturing units from crude liquid oxygen (without use of any solvents and by maintaining pressure & temperature only for separation of other gases)
38	Compressed/Refined Bio-Gas Production from Biodegradable Wastes (Domestic Bio-digesters based on cow-dung or household biodegradable wastes such as Gobargas plant)
39	Cotton and woolen hosiery making

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40	Cotton khadi spinning and weaving
41	Cotton socks-knitting
42	D.G. Set installation having capacity up to 1000 kVA
43	Decoration of ceramic cups & plates etc. by electric/gas furnace (Investment Rs. 1 Crore)
44	Decorative earthenware (without painting activity)
45	Diamond Industries (handmade activity)
46	Eco-friendly packaging units
47	Electric lamp (bulb and CFL) manufacturing units (assembling only)
48	Electrical / electronic testing and measuring instruments without wet process
49	Electro magnets, fans, armature, coils and electro-magnetic instruments (assembling only)
50	Embroidery and decorative textile items
51	Embroidery and tailoring
52	Engineering & fabrication units (dry process without any heat treatment / metal surface finishing operations / painting)
53	Engineering workshop, machine shop, fabrication shop, smithy shop, turning shop, cutting shop
54	Fabric painting (Madhubani, Warli, etc.)
55	Fabricating units for tractor trailer, agricultural equipment etc. (without electroplating, spray painting & powder coating)
56	Fabricating units for vehicle parts without electroplating, heat treatment, spray painting and powder coating
57	Fabricating units for aluminum doors, windows and furniture (only assembling).
58	Fabricating units for stove, cooker, kitchen equipment etc. (without electroplating, spray painting & powder coating)
59	Fabricating units for drawing, surveying and scientific equipment
60	Fabricating units for iron doors and shutters (without electroplating, spray painting & powder coating)
61	Finished leather goods, conversion of finished without wet process.
62	Fish net manufacturing without dyeing
63	Flavored betel nuts production / grinding units (completely dry mechanical operations)
64	Floriculture & Horticulture
65	Flour milling (chakki)
66	Fly ash bricks / block manufacturing units
67	Footwear manufacturers from plastic / PVC
68	Fountain pen manufacturing units (assembling only)
69	Frying of dals and other cereals etc
70	Fuel Dispensing only (without Automobile servicing, repairing and painting.
71	Glass ampoules and vials making units from glass tubes
72	Glass painting and mirror crafts
73	Glass putty and sealant manufacturing units (by mixing with machine only)
74	Green House/Floriculture under Mechanized process under controlled temperature.
75	Groundnut decorticating units (only dry process)
76	Hand Tools without casting
77	Handicrafts (wood, metal, stone)
78	Handloom weaving
79	Handmade leather footwear (mojari, chappal)
80	Handmade paper manufacturing

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81	Herbal medicines and cosmetics (without boiler & effluent generation)
82	Industrial items from engineering plastics by fabrication process only (excluding single use plastic)
83	Industrial liquid oxygen through molecular sieving
84	Inland water fishing
85	Jute and mesta pressing and baling units
86	Jute-based manufacturing (bags, mats, ropes)
87	Khadi bags and accessories
88	Khadi readymade garments
89	Leaf plate and dona making (sal/palash leaves)
90	Leather cutting and stitching units (Less than 10 machines using motor)
91	Leather products (belts, purses, footwear, keychains, folders) (excluding tanning and hide processing)
92	Making of laces and fringes by hand
93	Mamra manufacturing units
94	Manufacture of digital thermometers
95	Manufacture of distilled water (without boiler) with electricity as source of heat (< 1 KLD)
96	Manufacturing of cement concrete pipe, spun pipe, mosaic tiles, pillars
97	Manufacturing of paper napkins, dishes, labels, paper rolls from ready paper
98	Manufacturing of rolling shutters of iron or steel (without spray painting)
99	Manufacturing of advertising sign-boards and displays etc.
100	Manufacturing of all types of threads, cordage, twines etc.
101	Manufacturing of articles made of palm leaf, screw pine leaf and khajoor leaf.
102	Manufacturing of balls including those of billiards
103	Manufacturing of billiard sticks, hockey sticks, cricket bats, stumps and others
104	Manufacturing of blankets and shawls by hand
105	Manufacturing of boora
106	Manufacturing of broomsticks
107	Manufacturing of brushes/dusters and similar articles of feathers
108	Manufacturing of bullock-carts, push-carts and hand-carts etc.
109	Manufacturing of carrom boards and tables for billiards, table tennis and others
110	Manufacturing of Coir products (mats, ropes, brushes)
111	Manufacturing of cotton carpets by hand
112	Manufacturing of decoration pieces
113	Manufacturing of durries, druggets and rugs by hand
114	Manufacturing of fork-knife, scissors (without surface treatment activity)
115	Manufacturing of frames for spectacles (only assembling)
116	Manufacturing of glass bangles
117	Manufacturing of hats, caps and school bags.
118	Manufacturing of jaggery powder from jaggery (With crushing & grinding only)
119	Manufacturing of lock-net of cement concrete
120	Manufacturing of locks (without electroplating / anodising)
121	Manufacturing of made-up canvas goods such as tents and sails etc.
122	Manufacturing of made-up textile articles (without bleaching, dyeing & printing)
123	Manufacturing of market basketry, grain storage bins, ration baskets and similar
124	Manufacturing of matches on cottage scale
125	Manufacturing of metal caps, containers etc. (without surface treatment & painting activity)
126	Manufacturing of musical instruments (without surface treatment & painting activity)

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127	Manufacturing of nets (except mosquito nets)
128	Manufacturing of oil stoves (pressure and non-pressure) (without painting activity)
129	Manufacturing of other wooden household products n.e.c.
130	Manufacturing of paper cups, saucers, plates and other similar products
131	Manufacturing of rackets for badminton, lawn tennis, table tennis, etc.
132	Manufacturing of raincoats, hats, caps and school bags
133	Manufacturing of screw, nut-bolts etc. (without surface treatment & painting activity)
134	Manufacturing of shoe brush & wire brush
135	Manufacturing of silk carpets by hand
136	Manufacturing of sports kit
137	Manufacturing of Stove Wicks (assembling only)
138	Manufacturing of tapes, niwar and wicks etc. (assembling only)
139	Manufacturing of wooden agricultural implements
140	Manufacturing of wooden industrial fixtures such as bobbins, spools, sewing ruler
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142	Manufacturing of wooden tool handles
143	Manufacturing of wooden toys
144	Manufacturing of woolen carpets by hand
145	Manufacturing units of Articles of paper (used as containers)
146	Manufacturing units of blankets, shawls, carpets, rugs (only weaving)
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148	Manufacturing units of purses and ladies' handbags. artistic leather presentation from ready leather.
149	Masala (spice) grinding and packaging
150	Measuring / controlling / regulating instruments manufacturing units
151	Medical oxygen
152	Motor and Pump appurtenances – dry process (without foundry)
153	Motor Rewinding
154	Mushroom cultivation under controlled conditions/temperature and its compost making
155	Non-bedded Health Care Establishments (HCEs) (clinics, dispensaries, clinical establishments, Health camps, vaccination centres, medical or surgical camps, blood donation camps, forensic laboratories)
156	Non-Electrical machine tools manufacturing units
157	Non-Motorized cycles / wheelchairs & parts manufacturing
158	Ocean, sea and coastal fishing
159	Oil extraction (Ghani)
160	Optical Frames and glasses without wet process (physical assembly only)
161	Optical frames without electroplating
162	Organic & inorganic nutrients manufacturing (by physical mixing)
163	Organic manure manufacturing (manual mixing)
164	Orthopaedic equipment's without casting/wet process
165	Packing and Processing of food items using Mechanized Process
166	Packing of Agricultural/Forest Produce under controlled Temperature (Mechanized Process)
167	Packing of powdered milk
168	Painting and decorating work for constructions
169	Papad and badi making
170	Paper bags, files, envelopes
171	Paper Pins, 'U' Clips, pen Holders without wet process
172	Paper straws
173	Paper Tubes

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174	Paper-cones
175	Plastic products by simple processes like cutting and sealing (without single use plastic)
176	Pottery and terracotta items
177	Printed books, Notebooks, Registers and other printed materials
178	Printing of cloth by hand
179	Processing of dry rice
180	Processing of edible nuts except oil expeller
181	Processing of groundnuts except oil expeller
182	Production of firewood / fuel wood (including charcoal by burning) by exploitation
183	Pump and motor assembling units
184	Quilting and applique work
185	Repairing of electric motors & generators (dry mechanical process)
186	Rope (plastic and cotton)
187	Salt manufacturing at cottage scale
188	Salt quarrying and screening etc.
189	Sanitary napkin units (Waving, stitching only)
190	Scientific & mathematical instrument manufacturing
191	Scientific services like soil testing
192	Shell and bead jewelry
193	Silk khadi manufacturing
194	Slate, chalk and blackboard production
195	Soil conservation services
196	Soil desalination services
197	Solar power generation through solar photovoltaic cell plants of all capacities, wind power plants of all capacities and mini hydel power plants of capacity less than 25 MW
198	Solar module non conventional energy apparatus manufacturing unit (without surface treatment & painting activity)
199	Spinning, weaving and finishing of sann hemp and other vegetable fibre textile
200	Stainless steel in primary and finished forms
201	Standalone manufacturing of concrete admixtures up to 1000 MT per month capacity by physical mixing (without boiler or reactor and no generation of wastewater)
202	Sun drying of fish
203	Sun drying of fruits & vegetables
204	Surgical and medical products assembling only (not involving effluent / emission generating processes)
205	Tea blending & packaging units
206	Timber works such as fixing of doors, windows and panels etc.
207	Toy making (wooden/clay)
208	Toys and stationery items manufacturing
209	Transformer assembling units
210	Umbrella assembling
211	Units carrying Electrical installation work for constructions
212	Used cooking oil (UCO) Collection centres
213	Various types of Hand Tools manufacturing
214	Warehouse (Dry Storage only) (below 20,000 Sq. mtrs)
215	Warehousing of agricultural products without refrigeration (below 20,000 Sq. mtrs)
216	Waste papers bailing process (hydraulic press)
217	Wax items and decorative pieces
218	Wind Mill (Electricity generation)
219	Wooden furniture (basic items)

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220	Wool khadi manufacturing
221	Woolen and silk weaving
222	Zip Fasteners (Without any surface treatment)

Note: -

1) After perusing the lists of other Pollution Control Boards, such as Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu, it is observed that most of the activities listed do not fall under the Consent regime. Examples include agricultural services not classified elsewhere (e.g., harvesting and threshing), distributors of agricultural machinery and equipment, distributors of industrial machinery and equipment (other than electrical), horticulture, jute and natural fibre goods manufacturing units, etc. Therefore, these activities do not require consent.

2) In the lists of other Pollution Control Boards, separate entries have been provided for each activity that could otherwise be grouped under a single category-for example, sports goods, cotton cloth knitting, cotton quilt and mattress making, cotton belts and tapes/cotton niwar, cotton cloth knitting without dyeing, cotton socks knitting, cotton vests knitting, etc. The Maharashtra Pollution Control Board, however, covers such activities under broader categories that covers nearly all activities listed individually by other Boards.

3) All trading activities of any kind are not listed in industry categorization and are not required to obtain consent in any category including White category.

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