



Memo No. 0951/4A-17/2008

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OFFICE ORDER

EXTENSION OF VALIDITY PERIOD OF CONSENT TO OPERATE / AUTHORIZATION EXPIRED ON 31/03/2020 TILL 30/06/2020 REGARDING

Consequent upon the declaration of lockdown dated 22.03.2020 issued by the State Government as preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19, it has not been possible to process some of the applications for renewal of Consent to Operate and Authorization expired on 31st March 2020. However, it is extremely important that critical and essential activities / services such as Health care establishments, Biomedical Waste Management facilities, Municipal Solid Waste Management Facilities, Common Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities, Steel Plants, Milk Processing Units, Food Processing Units, Pharmaceutical Units, Essential chemical manufacturing units (such as those engaged in manufacturing of chemical components of Sanitiser, soap etc.), Speciality chemicals etc operate uninterruptedly, so that essential services and goods are made available.

In view of such abnormal circumstances, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board (State Board) by virtue of powers conferred under Section 25/26 of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & under Section 21 of the Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, hereby extends the validity of Consent to Operate up to 30th June 2020 of all the such units, who have valid consent to operate up to 31st March 2020 and have applied to the State Board online or have submitted hard copy of Renewal of Consent to Operate.


Similarly, the units/facilities that are authorized by the State Board under

- i) Hazardous And Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amended Rules 2018,
- ii) Bio Medical Waste Management Rules, 2016,
- iii) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016.

and the authorization was valid up to 31st March 2020, the authorizations granted under above rules are hereby extended up to 30th June 2020. This order is applicable to those units whose renewal applications are yet to be disposed of by the State Board.

This extension of validity up to 30th June 2020 is subject to same terms and conditions stipulated in the previous Consent to operate Orders/ Authorizations issued by the State Board and availability of other statutory clearances.

Similarly under Rule 6(i) of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amended Rules 2018, the State Board hereby directs the occupier to ensure that the Hazardous Wastes are not allowed to be stored beyond 90 days up to 15days after lifting of lockdown.


2/11/2020

Member Secretary

West Bengal Pollution Control Board