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Member Secretary



WEST BENGAL POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
(Department of Environment, Government of West Bengal)

Memo No. : 05/ 4A-6/2015 (Part-V)

Date : 27.01. 2026

ORDER

The West Bengal Pollution Control Board (WBPCB), vide order no. 1646-4A-7/2016 dated 28.06.2016, fixed the validity period of Consent to Operate (CTO) for Red, Orange and Green categories of industries as 5 (five) years, 5 (five) years and 7 (seven) years respectively;

AND WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Government of India, has notified the "Control of Air Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025" on 29.01.2025 and the "Control of Water Pollution (Grant, Refusal or Cancellation of Consent) Guidelines, 2025" on 30.01.2025, prescribing extended validity periods for Consent to Operate;

AND WHEREAS, in the 2nd meeting of the National Level Task Force on Compliance Reduction and Deregulation held on 06.08.2025 under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, it was advised to adopt the extended validity period of Consent to Operate as prescribed in the aforesaid guidelines;

AND WHEREAS, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 25 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 21 of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the West Bengal Pollution Control Board revised the validity period of Consent to Operate vide memo no. 76/4A-6/2015 (Part-V) dated 12.08.2025 with effect from 01.09.2025 as follows:

Sl.No.	Category of Industries	Revised Validity Period of Consent to Operate
1	RED	5 years
2	ORANGE	10 Years
3	GREEN	15 Years

AND WHEREAS, a suggestion was received from the Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME&T), Government of West Bengal, for further review of the validity period of Consent to Operate so that industries have the flexibility in selection of validity period according to their requirement;

AND WHEREAS, the matter was under consideration of the WBPCB for review;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Industries under the Green category shall be permitted to apply for Consent to Operate for a validity period of either 7 (seven) years or 15 (fifteen) years.
2. Industries under the Orange category shall be permitted to apply for Consent to Operate for a validity period of either 5 (five) years or 10 (ten) years.
3. The validity period of Consent to Operate for Red category industries shall be for 5 (five) years.

Applicants shall apply for Consent to Operate with full consent fees for the entire duration of the validity period opted for, as per the existing fee structure and prevailing practice of the Board.

This order shall be read in conjunction with earlier orders issued on the subject and shall come into force with immediate effect.

Member Secretary

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Copy forwarded to:-

- 1 **The Additional Chief Secretary**, Department of Environment, GoWB, 5th Floor, Pranisampad Bhawan, Block LB-II, Sector III, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 106.
- 2 **The Additional Chief Secretary**, Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises and Textiles (MSME&T), GoWB, Shilpa Sadan, Camac Street, 7th Floor, Kolkata – 700016.
- 3 **The Director**, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, GoWB - with a request to inform all DICs / Sub DICs for compliance.
- 4 **Chief Engineer**, WBPCB – EIM & Planning Cell / O&E and WM Cell.
- 5 **Chief Scientist**, WBPCB
- 6 **Senior Environmental Engineer**, WBPCB – Malda RO / Alipore RO / Kolkata RO / Salt Lake RO / O&E Cell.
- 7 **Senior Law Officer**, WBPCB – Shri A. Goswami / Smt. P.Pahari.
- 8 **TA to Member Secretary**, WBPCB.
- 9 **Environmental Engineer**, WBPCB – Asansol RO / Durgapur RO / Hooghly RO / EIM Cell / Barrackpur RO / Howrah RO / Haldia RO.
- 10 **Assistant Environmental Engineer & In-Charge**, WBPCB – Siliguri RO.
- 11 **Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) Cell**, GoWB, 5, Council House Street, Kolkata-700 001.
- 12 **PA to Chairman**, WBPCB


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