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CIRCULAR

Sub: Clarification on distance criteria for furniture units

Ref: 1. Minutes of 14th High Level Technical Committee meeting held on 22/10/2025

- 2. Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 20/07/2011
- 3. Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 15/11/2012
- 4. Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97 dated 21/03/2016
- 5. Circular No. PCB/T4/115/97(1) dated 08/05/2017
- 6. Circular No. PCB/HO/CIRCULAR/51/2019 dated 15/06/2020
- 7. Circular No. KSPCB/2034/2024-SEE-1 dated 18-02-2025

Board had issued specific distance criteria for units engaged in Carpentry & wooden furniture manufacturing/assembling vide Circulars referred (2)-(7).

Now as per the revised classification of industrial sectors issued by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) 'Carpentry & wooden furniture manufacturing with spray painting (excluding saw mill) with the help of electrical (motorized) machines such as electrical wood planner, steel saw cutting circular blade, etc' is categorised under Green category. And such units which do not carry out spray painting are categorised under White category.

The matter was placed in the High Level Technical Committee meeting for clarification regarding distance norms for such units. Considering the recommendations of the committee, 'Carpentry & wooden furniture manufacturing units with spray painting (excluding saw mill) with the help of electrical/electronic machines such as electrical wood planer, band saw, cutting circular saw etc.' shall follow general distance criteria with respect to the Green category, as per Circular dated 09-08-2004 (attached). There is no distance criterion for such units that fall under White category.

Distance norms specified for 'wooden furniture/carpentry units' & 'Furniture assembling units using MDF, particle board, novopan, plywood and other similar engineered wood (manufactured board)' under Circulars referred (2)-(7) stand cancelled.

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