



TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Circular Memo No. T5/TNPCB/F.026950/Batteries/2022 dated 30.11.2022

Sub: TNPCB – Notification of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 - No provision for registration of dealers of batteries under the Rules – Not to issue “Registration” for Battery Dealers – Instructions issued - Regarding.

Ref: (1) MoEF&CC, GOI Notification No. S.O.3984 (E) dated 22/8/2022 notifying The Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 under the provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

(2) Memo No. T5/TNPCB/F.15478/Batteries/2022 dt 12/9/2022.

MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi notified the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 in supersession of the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 under the provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and the same is under implementation from 22/8/2022 onwards. Under the Battery Rules, 2022, there is no mentioning of the registration of dealers of batteries.

However, it is noted that the dealers of batteries are still filing applications thro’ “TNPCB OCMMS - Battery Registration Portal” for obtaining “Registration” from TNPCB, following the provisions of the earlier Battery Rules, 2001 & ‘Registration’ for Battery Dealers is being issued by some DEEs of TNPCB. As per the OCMMS data base records, there are 17 such applications received from dealers of batteries thro’ TNPCB OCMMS online portal from 1.9.2022 to 15.11.2022 (last two & half months) and granted registration by DEEs to 13 battery dealers during that period. This shows that the instructions issued vide ref (2) cited to implement the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 have not been followed.

TNPCB has issued “Press Release” on the MOEF&CC notification of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022 in leading newspapers for implementation & compliance. Further, the OCMMS Team at TNPCB Corporate office is taking steps thro’ NIC, New Delhi to inactivate of “Battery Registration Portal” in TNPCB-OCMMS to stop further receiving of such applications from dealers of battery for registration

Therefore, all DEEs of TNPCB are instructed not to issue ‘Registration’ for Battery Dealers hereafter and to return such online pending applications filed by dealers of battery immediately, citing present Rule Provisions of the

Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022. Further, it is informed to communicate PRODUCER [as defined in Rule-3(u)] covering manufacturer/seller/dealer/importer of batteries operating under their jurisdiction to register with CPCB immediately to comply with provision of the Battery Waste Management Rules, 2022.

An action taken report in this regard shall be furnished within 15 days.

The receipt of the memo shall be acknowledged.

K. S. S.
01/12/2022
for **Member Secretary**

To

All DEEs of TNPCCB

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All JCEE(M) of TNPCCB – for information & follow up action