

GUJARAT POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
SECTOR 10-A, PARYAARAN BHAVAN
GANDHINAGAR

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Extension of Storage period of hazardous waste beyond 90 days as per the provision of Rule 8 (v) of the Hazardous and Other Waste (M&TM) Rules 2016.

As per the provision of Rule 8 of the Hazardous and Other Waste (Management & Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules'), occupiers of the facilities may store the hazardous and other waste for a period not extending ninety (90) days and that the State Pollution Control Board may extend the said period of ninety days in certain cases on justifiable grounds up to one hundred and eighty (180) days.

Under extraordinary situation of COVID-19 outbreak and declaration of lockdown as a part of preventive measure to thereof, hazardous and other waste may require to be stored by occupiers beyond 90 days.

The Rule 3(21) defines the occupiers. "Occupier in relation to any factory or premises, means a person who has, control over the affairs of the factory or the premises and includes in relation to any hazardous and other waste, the person in possession of the hazardous or other waste."

Therefore, in exercise of the powers under the provisions of Rule 8(v) of the Rules, the **Gujarat Pollution Control Board** hereby permits occupiers as defined under Rule 3(21) of the Rules to **store hazardous and other waste for period of one hundred and eighty (180) days or allowed to be stored beyond 15 days after lifting of lockdown whichever is earlier.**

This circular comes into effect from the date of issue and will cease to operate from the date of lifting of lockdown by the government.

During this period, occupier shall ensure safe and environmental sound storage of hazardous and other waste so that there is no adverse impact on environment and human health.



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