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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(IA Division)

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Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022


**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarification regarding applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for manufacturing of Phosphoric Acid and Sulphuric Acid - reg.**

The Ministry has received a request for clarification on whether the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 as amended, would be applicable for the manufacturing of Phosphoric Acid and Sulphuric Acid, as standalone or within the existing premises of the project/activity for which prior Environment Clearance (EC) has already been granted.

2. As per the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 amended from time to time, synthetic organic chemicals are covered under the schedule 5(f) of the Notification and require prior EC.
3. The matter has been examined in the Ministry. Based on the inputs received from the concerned sector of the Ministry and clarifications issued from time to time on case to case basis, it is hereby clarified that as Phosphoric Acid and Sulphuric Acid are inorganic compounds, manufacturing of Phosphoric Acid and Sulphuric Acid is not covered under the extant provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time, and shall not require prior EC.
4. In case, the Phosphoric Acid plant and/or Sulphuric Acid plant which are set up within the existing premises of the project/activity for which prior EC has already been obtained, it shall be ensured that inclusion/expansion/modernization of the said plant shall not result in increase in the production level of the project beyond the sanctioned capacity stated in the prior EC.

5. Consent to Establish/Operate from the concerned State Pollution Control Boards/State Pollution Control Committees as per Air Act, 1981, and Water Act, 1974 shall be required for manufacturing Phosphoric Acid and Sulphuric Acid.
6. This is issued with the approval of the competent authority.

  
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To

1. Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).
2. Chairman of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
3. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
4. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs
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