

Dated: 22nd April, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Applicability of the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 for manufacturing of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (LABSA) – reg.

In response to the representation from M/s Sai Sulphonates Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata vide letter no. SSPL/18/19/HO/MOEF&CC/225 dated 28th August 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) vide its letter No. F. No. 22-76/2017-IA.III dated 31st December 2018 had clarified that since LABSA is not included in Synthetic Organic Chemicals, it does not come under the purview of the EIA Notification 2006.

2. The Ministry has been receiving representations from different project proponents seeking clarification on applicability of EIA Notification 2006 on manufacturing of Linear Alkyl Benzene Sulphonic Acid (LABSA).

3. In view of the specific clarification already provided by the Ministry to M/s Sai Sulphonates Pvt. Ltd., Kolkata vide letter dated 28th August 2018, it is clarified in general that manufacture of LABSA is not covered under the provisions of 5(f) of the Schedule to EIA Notification, 2006.

4. This is issued with the approval of Competent Authority.


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Director

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. All the Officers of I.A. Division
5. Chairpersons/Member Secretaries of all SPCBs/UTPCCs

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