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

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Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**


**Subject: Clarification regarding applicability of EIA Notification 2006 for manufacturing organic products from plants through extraction process rather than chemical synthesis - reg.**

The Ministry, has been receiving requests from time to time, for clarification on applicability of EIA notification 2006, on manufacturing of organic products from plants through extraction process, and the same has been clarified on a case to case basis.

2. In this context, the Ministry has decided to issue a generic clarification to all such units involved in manufacturing of organic products from plants through extraction process in order to have uniform and consistent approach throughout country. The matter was referred to the concerned Sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for deliberation and recommendations.

3. Based on the recommendations of the EAC and further examination in Ministry, it is hereby clarified that projects which pertain to extraction of organic compounds from plants without any chemical synthesis, but involve mixing/blending, percolation with water and extracting with solvent, are not covered under item 5(f) i.e. Synthetic Organic Chemicals Industry of the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and shall not require prior EC. However, requisite Consent to Establish/ Operate shall be obtained from the concerned State Pollution Control Board/ UT Pollution Control Committees under the provisions of Air Act, 1981 and Water Act, 1974. Further, manufacturing of synthetic organic chemical to be used for the above extraction, if any, shall require prior EC as per provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time.

4. 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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