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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Issuance of environmental clearance for the API and Intermediates as single category instead of individual products- reg.**

The Ministry is in receipt of representations for issuance of Prior Environmental Clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments, for the 'API and Intermediates' as single category instead of individual products in order to provide flexibility to the industry to change the raw material mix and/or product mix within the sanctioned pollution load.

2 The matter has been examined in the Ministry. It is hereby directed that henceforth all the EACs/SEACs shall appraise the proposals for Prior Environmental Clearance under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments under the category of the schedule of EIA Notification, 2006, for the 'API and Intermediates' as single category instead of individual products. Accordingly, the EAC/SEAC shall clearly recommend the permissible pollution load i.e. quantity and quality, including composition, of emissions, discharges and solid waste generation from such activity for inclusion in the Prior Environmental Clearance.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

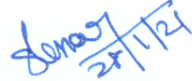
  
**(Sharath Kumar Pallerla)**  
**Director- IA (Policy)**

To

1. Chairman/ Member Secretaries of all the Expert Appraisal Committees
2. Chairperson/Member Secretaries of all the SEIAAs/SEACs
3. All the Officers of IA Division

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