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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD WITH LEAD RECYCLERS REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF BATTERY (MANAGEMENT AND HANDLING) RULES, 2001, ON 13.06.2017 AT 11.30 AM, AT TEJASVI AUDITORIUM, KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, BANGALORE.

List of participants: Enclosed as Annexure.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India has notified the Battery (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 which is effect from 16.05.2001. These rules are applicable to every manufacture, importer, re-conditioner, assembler, dealer, recycler, auctioneer, consumer, and bulk consumer involved in manufacture, processing, sale, purchase and use of batteries or components thereof.

In the said Rules, responsibilities of the each stake holder is clearly defined. The recycling of lead cause pollution. In the State of Karnataka, 33 recyclers and 16 batteries manufacturing units are operating with the consent of the Board. There are large number of battery manufacturing units located outside the State but whose batteries are being sold through their dealers in the State. As per the Battery rules, there is necessity to collect back used batteries then channelized them to recyclers. The information pertain to this are required to be given by the dealers. In order to review the implementation of the battery (management and handling) Rules, 2001, meeting of recyclers/dismantlers/manufacturers including those who are located outside the State and sold in the State of Karnataka was convened . The representative of MoEF was present and 38 stake holders attended the meeting.

A detail presentation on the Battery (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 were made. Further the directions of CPCB issued on 13.4.2017 with reference to implementation of the Battery management and handling Rules, 2001 were read out which are as under

- Submit annual compliance status report on implementation of Batteries Rules for the year 2015-2016 within a period of one month and also ensure regular submission of annual reports hereafter;

- b. Prepare an inventory of all the stake holders namely manufacturers, importers, dealers, bulk-consumers, auctioneers, assemblers, re-conditioners and registered recyclers within a period of 80 days.
- c. Ensure registration of all the dealers in the State selling lead acid batteries within a period of 60 days.
- d. Initiate action against the stake holders who are failing to comply with the Batteries Rules, 2001 within a period of 30 days.
- e. Initiate action against illegal or informal backyard recyclers of lead acid batteries operating in the State within 60 days, and;
- f. Submit action taken report within 90 days from issuance of these directions.

All the above issues were discussed in detail.

1. The lead recyclers are utilizing scrap/used batteries. The Board has estimated quantity of slag generated as minimum 10% of the raw-material consumption by the recyclers. However, as verified from the records, the recyclers are handing over less quantity of slag to the TSDF. This clearly indicates that the recyclers are disposing the waste illegally. All the recyclers were directed to give details of slag generated for the past 3 years within 7 days time and hereinafter required to submit substances for generating slag lower than 10% of the raw material consumption.
2. The recyclers shall ensure that the industries who are handing over waste batteries to the recyclers enter the quantity of material handed over in passbook issued by the Board to the recyclers as required under the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
3. Plastic waste generated during dismantling of used batteries are covered under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. Hence, the waste is required to be handed over to the plastic waste recyclers registered under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. The Board has put up the name and address of the plastic recycling units in the website.
4. The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climatic change has notified the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016. As per the said rules, the other waste means wastes specified in Part B & Part D of Schedule III for import or export and includes all such waste generated indigenously within the Country. As per Schedule III Part B & D there are lot of scrap materials which are likely to be generated from the recycling unit and the same is require to be handed over to authorized recyclers.
5. As regards to the annual report, the manufacturers are required to give the information in Form No.1 within 30 June (for the period October to March) and 31st of December (for period April to September) every year. The same is required to be followed . The

information for the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17 require to be submitted within 15 days time.

6. The recyclers are required to file the returns regarding used batteries by 30th of June and 31st of June every year. The information for the financial year 2015-16 and 2016-17 require to be submitted within 15 days time.
7. There is an issue registration of dealers. It was decided in the meeting to request CPCB to insist the manufacturers of batteries to collect the information pertaining to buy back of used batteries from their respective dealers and send to respective PCB.
8. As regard to registration of dealers and returns there is lot of difficulties in receiving the returns. The manufacturers informed that they are unable to collect back the used batteries since major consumers like telecom sector, transport sector including Indian Railways are auctioning the used batteries. Unless this is channeled back, it is not possible to collect back as detailed in the regulations.

The meeting was concluded with directions from the Board to comply with above issues and to submit information required to be given to Central Pollution Control Board.


Senior Environmental Officer, WMC

Submitted to the Member Secretary, KSPCB for information.

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1. All RSEOs for information and to submit details for CPCB directions dtd.13.4.2017.
2. All ROs for information and to submit details for CPCB directions dtd.13.4.2017 through RSEOs.
3. All the participants
4. TA to Chairman for information and to bring to kind notice of Chairman.
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