



19th August, 2020

To,

Shri R.P. Gupta, IAS

Secretary

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

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Sub: Request to extend validity of B2 category status till March, 2021

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

It is to bring to your kind notice that we have received a copy of a representation dated 17 July, 2020 from Indian Drug Manufacturer's Association (IDMA) requesting you for continuation of the notification No. S.O 1223 (E) dated 27th March, 2020 whereby the Ministry deemed it necessary to expedite all projects or expansions in respect of bulk drugs for addressing ailments such as COVID-19 and categorized them as 'B2'.

Sir, notification No. S.O.1223 (E), issued by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) on 27th March, 2020 granted "B2" category to Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API) till 30th September, 2020. However, due to COVID-19 situation final EIA notification is not yet issued and therefore it is requested that status of "B2" category should be continued till 31st March, 2021. While extending this validity a small correction is needed. Notification while granting "B2" category has mentioned only "API", the word "Intermediate" has been omitted through oversight, though against the item 5(f), in the column (5) of the notification No. S.O. 1533(E)

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dated 14.09.2006 “intermediates” has been included. It is suggested that to avoid confusion among Pollution Control Boards (PCBs), while extending the time-limit upto 31st March, 2021 corrected words “API and Intermediates” may be mentioned.

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We request for your favorable intervention in the matter.

Thanking you.

With warm regards,

Yours faithfully,

Yogendra Kumar Trivedi
Chief Operating Officer

Copy to: Shri A.V. Shah, Member Secretary, Gujarat Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhavan, Gandhinagar