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## DRAFT ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) AMENDMENT RULES 2007

**Background:** The Central Government (CG) has fixed Noise Limits for Generator Sets run with diesel, manufactured on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to provide Acoustic Enclosure at manufacturing stage, to ensure maximum Permissible Sound Pressure Level at 75 dB (A) at 1.0 m from the enclosure surface, by making further amendments in the *Environment Protection Rules 1986 (EPR)*. Recently, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoE&F) has received representations from various Manufacturers and their Associations requesting for certain amendments in view of the various difficulties faced by the assemblers of DG Sets in Small Scale Sector i.e. definition of manufacturer and the transportation of DG Sets.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred by *Clause (iv) of Sub-Section (2) of Section-3 and Section-25 of Environment Protection Act 1986 (EPA)* and in order to further amend the *EPR*, the CG on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007 published the *Draft Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules 2007*, for the information of all persons likely to be affected thereby.

Any person desirous of filing objection or suggestion on the proposed *Draft Notification* may do so in writing within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of the Notification through post to the Secretary, MoE&F, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi- 110 003.

The *Draft Rules* would come into consideration by the CG on or after the expiry of a period of 60 days from the date on which copies of the Gazette containing this Notification are made available to the Public (i.e. from 12<sup>th</sup> November 2007). The *Draft Rules* when comes into force, may be called the *Environment (Protection) Amendment Rules 2007*.

The following amendments have been made in the *Schedule 1* of the *EPR*. The amendments are highlighted in grey background and whatever has been substituted or omitted through this notification has been stroked through.

- I. In *Paragraph 3.2 of Serial # 94* relating to **NOISE LIMIT FOR GENERATOR SETS RUN WITH DIESEL**, the following amendments have been made:

~~Every manufacturer or importer~~ Every manufacturer or assembler or importer or supplier (hereinafter referred to as "supplier") of DG Set (hereinafter referred to as "product") to which these regulations apply must have valid certificates of Type Approval and also valid certificates of Conformity of Production for each year, for all the product models being manufactured or imported from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 with the Noise Limit specified in Paragraph#1.

- II. After Paragraph#4, the following paragraph shall be inserted, namely:

5. Transportation of Diesel Generator Sets (DG Sets) (Above 250 kVA)

- (i) DG Set shall be transported after fulfilling the requirements of certification specified in Paragraph#3.2 as a complete unit with Acoustic Enclosure, or dismantled, with relevant gensets number specified on Acoustic Enclosure and Silencer for reassembling at the site of its operation.
- (ii) Compliance with the noise norms shall be monitored
  - (a) Initially at the manufacturing stage by the Central Pollution Control Boards (CPCB) and
  - (b) Subsequently, after assembling the DG Set at the location of the installation by the concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), or as the case may be, the Union Territory Pollution Control Committee (UTPCC)."

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