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**COMMISSION FOR AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT  
IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION AND ADJOINING AREAS**

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**Subject: Directions under Section 12 of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas Act, 2021 – Strict restrictions on entry of transport/commercial goods vehicles (LGVs/MGVs/HGVs) to below BS-VI standards into the NCT of Delhi w.e.f. 01.11.2025-reg.**

WHEREAS, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas Act 2021, has constituted the Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas (hereinafter referred to as the Commission);

WHEREAS, under Section 12 (l) of the Act, the Commission is vested with powers to take all such measures, issue directions, etc., as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of the air in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas;

WHEREAS, Section 12 (2) (ix) of the Act empowers the Commission to issue directions in writing to any person, officer, or any authority and such person, officer or authority shall be bound to comply with such directions;

WHEREAS, Section 12(2) (v) of the Act also empowers the Commission to impose restrictions and regulate operations or processes that have implications on air quality in the region;

WHEREAS, significantly high contribution from the transport sector to the overall air pollution load in the entire NCR, particularly during the winter season needs no emphasis;

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WHEREAS, the ever-growing vehicular traffic in Delhi - NCR has been a prime contributor to the enhanced vehicular emissions in the region and such large number of vehicles also cause traffic congestions and jams at major intersections and critical public places, thereby further enhancing the pollutant load from vehicular emissions;

WHEREAS, within the vehicular sector, while transport/commercial goods vehicles are generally reported to be utilised extensively, these are often poorly maintained and thus are significantly high on emissions;

WHEREAS, it has been established through various assessment studies that all classes of transport/commercial goods vehicles i.e., LGVs, MGVs and HGVs particularly those with pre-BS-VI standards have significantly higher emission potential and these while passing through NCR areas and moving into Delhi contribute adversely to the overall vehicular pollution load in the entire NCR;

WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide order dated 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2001 passed in the matter of M.C. Mehta vs Union of India and Others - (2003) 10 SCC 561 directed that with effect from 15.01.2002 "*no heavy-, medium- or light-goods vehicles will ply on inter-State routes by passing through Delhi or New Delhi*", thus directing for diversion of such commercial traffic, not destined to Delhi, through peripheral routes circumventing the NCT territory;

WHEREAS, entry of trucks to Delhi is regulated at 126 border entry points and further, 52 toll plazas of NHAI located on the National Highways/ Expressways in NCR are provided with ANPR cameras linked with VAHAN database, which facilitate identification of vehicles in respect of various parameters viz. life of the vehicle (thus identifying EOL vehicles), vehicles without valid registration, fitness, PUC, permit and insurance etc.;

WHEREAS, with a view to combat the generally adverse air quality scenario experienced in the entire NCR during winter months, the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) formulated under the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, as reviewed from time to time has highlighted the need to





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restrict relatively old transport/commercial goods vehicles having pre-BS-IV/ pre-BS-VI standards under different stages of the GRAP;

WHEREAS, the Stage-III of the schedule of the GRAP in vogue restricts plying of Delhi - registered BS-IV standards or below Diesel operated Medium Goods Vehicles (MGVs) in Delhi, except for those vehicles carrying essential commodities / providing essential services and also directs the GNCTD to restrict entry of BS-IV and below Diesel operated LGVs (goods carriers), registered outside Delhi into Delhi except for those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services;

WHEREAS, the Stage-IV of the current GRAP schedule also puts restriction on diesel fuelled trucks of below BS-VI standards (other than trucks carrying essential commodities / providing essential services) to enter Delhi and also restricting movement of such Delhi registered Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) in Delhi, except those carrying essential commodities / providing essential services;

WHEREAS, considering the extremely high volume of goods traffic that moves into Delhi through NCR, only cleaner transport/commercial goods vehicles registered outside Delhi should be allowed to enter Delhi in order to improve the air quality throughout the year and not only for periods under the GRAP;

WHEREAS, there is no restriction on entry of Diesel goods vehicles to BS-VI standards and all vehicles running on LNG, CNG or electric vehicles into Delhi at any point in time of the year;

NOW THEREFORE, considering the high pollution load from commercial vehicles and the associated ill-effects of emission owing to such vehicles entering to Delhi, the Commission, **hereby directs for a strict ban on entry of all transport/commercial goods vehicles viz. LGVs, MGVs and HGVs**, other than BS-VI, CNG, LNG and EVs, into Delhi w.e.f. 01.11.2025, except such vehicles registered in Delhi.

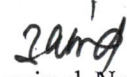




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Such non-BS-VI compliant transport/commercial goods vehicles, carrying essential commodities / providing essential services shall, however, be permitted to enter Delhi, but only for a limited period up to 31.10.2026 beyond which such goods / services shall also have to be catered only through CNG / LNG / EV / BS-VI diesel vehicles.

Transport Department/ Traffic Police in GNCTD & the NCR States may accordingly widely disseminate this direction amongst all stakeholders and ensure strict compliance w.e.f. 01.11.2025 through effective implementation/enforcement measures at all border entry points to Delhi and regular monitoring/review of the same. Quarterly Reports on the action taken by the concerned agencies shall be furnished to Commission.



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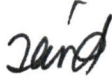
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