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Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Impact Assessment Division)

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarification on the applicability of the provisions of EIA Notification 2006 for Lead Acid Battery recycling units- regarding.**

The activities covered in the schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 as amended from time to time require prior Environmental Clearance. Primary and Secondary metallurgical processing industry and Sponge iron manufacturing are covered under schedule 3(a) [Metallurgical industries (ferrous & nonferrous)] of the Notification.

2. There is no specific mention of Lead Acid Battery (LAB) manufacturing or recycling in the said Notification. However, it is provided that the recycling industrial units registered under the HSM Rules are exempted from the requirement of Environment Clearance.

3. The Ministry is in receipt of requests for clarification on the applicability of the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006 for recycling of Lead Acid Batteries. In this regard, the views of the Expert Committee of IA-Policy, Hazardous Substances Management Division of the Ministry, Central Pollution Control Board and National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur, were taken.

4. Based on the inputs received, the matter has been examined in detail and is hereby clarified that recycling units of Lead Acid Batteries registered under the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001 are exempted from the requirement of prior EC, as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006. However, these units shall obtain the required consents from the respective State/UT Pollution Control Boards.

5. This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

  
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