

**Government of Jammu and Kashmir  
Industries and Commerce Department**

**Circular**

**Subject: Draft Guidelines for restarting the manufacturing units during lockdown**

Government of India vide No: 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) Dated: 24-03-2020 notified measures for containment of COVID 19 in the country. In pursuance to said order Government of Jammu and Kashmir, Department of Disaster Management, Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction (State Executive Committee) notified Standard Operating Procedure vide **order No. 44-JK (DMRR) of 2020 dated 17/4/2020** for regulating activities of industries/industrial/commercial/private establishments in J&K. Under the provisions of Standard Operating Procedure the Department of Industries & Commerce permitted different categories of Industries to operate during the period of lockdown.

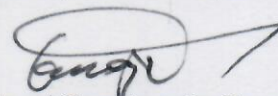
Due to sudden lockdown and several weeks of closure of industrial units during the lockdown period, it is possible that some of the operators might not have followed the established SOP required for closure of plants for a long period. As a result, some of the manufacturing facilities, pipelines, valves, etc. may have residual chemicals, which may pose risk. The same is true for the storage facilities with hazardous chemicals and flammable materials. The Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemical Rules, 1989 under Environment Protection Act, 1986 provide the statutory requirements for these industries.

Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, National Disaster Management Authority vide No:1-137/2020- Mit II Dated: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2020 for complying with the provisions of Guidelines on Chemical Disasters, 2007, Guidelines on Management of Chemical (Terrorism) Disasters, 2009 and Strengthening of Safety and Security for Transportation of POL Tankers, 2010.

The above Guidelines issued by the National Disaster Management Authority are enclosed with these Circular instructions for compliance by all concerned industries. In pursuance to the above it is also mandatory to ensure that;

- i. All industrial units which have been permitted to operate during the lockdown period shall comply with the above mentioned Guidelines for operation of the units and shall furnish a certificate of compliance to the concerned Director Industries and Commerce.
- ii. All units which have yet to obtain the permission for operation of their units shall devote initial days for making the Plant compliant to below guidelines;

Any contravention to the guidelines of NDMA shall be dealt with as per relevant provisions under Law.



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