

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAILWAY BOARD

No.2007/RS(S)/709/10

New Delhi, dated 09.12.2013

The Controller of Stores,
All Indian Railways & PUs.

Sub : i) Implementation of Batteries (Management & Handling) Rules and
ii) Hazardous Waste (Management Handling and Transboundary Movement) Rules.

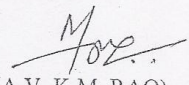
Ref : i) Board's letter No.2007/RS(S)/709/10-Oil dated 17.07.2007 and
ii) Board's letter No.2007/RS(S)/709/10 dated 07.02.2012.

Vide letters referred above, Board have advised Railways/PUs to implement Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules and Hazardous Waste Rules while dealing its disposal as per prevalent notifications of Ministry of Environment & Forests.

Recently, audit in its provisional findings on the subject "Environment Management in Indian Railways" have pointed out non-observance/incomplete observance of Batteries Management Rules and Hazardous Waste Rules by Railway Units. It has been specifically pointed out that there was lack of statutory compliance with regard to maintenance of records and submission of returns to State Pollution Control Board on handling and disposal of Batteries/Hazardous Waste. Non-compliance of statutory obligations of submission of returns to State Pollution Control Board by some of the Railways has been seen as inadequate pollution control monitoring measures by Indian Railways.

All Railways/PUs are hereby advised to strictly observe the said rules while dealing with disposal of Batteries/Hazardous Waste, including statutory compliance of submission of returns to SPCBs. Headquarters officers while inspecting field units may also cover the aspect of compliance of filing necessary returns to SPCBs.

Railways/PUs to confirm compliance of the same latest by 31st of December, 2013.


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