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Sub: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) issues Gazette Notification on Greenhouse Gas Emission Intensity Target Amendment Rules under Carbon Credit Trading Scheme 2023

Dear Member,

We wish to inform you that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has notified the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target Rules, 2025 under the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), vide Gazette Notification dated 8th October, 2025 ([copy enclosed](#)). Subsequently, the Ministry has issued the Greenhouse Gases Emission Intensity Target (Amendment) Rules, 2025, vide Gazette Notification dated 13th January, 2026 ([copy enclosed](#)), with a view to further clarify and strengthen the implementation of the Scheme.

The said Rules establish a framework under the Indian Carbon Market, under which certain industrial sectors are legally required to reduce their greenhouse gas emission intensity per unit of production.

The Amendment Rules dated 13th January, 2026 expand the scope of the Scheme to include Petroleum Refineries, Petrochemicals, Textiles, and Secondary Aluminium, in addition to the sectors already covered, namely Aluminium, Cement, Chlor-Alkali, and Pulp & Paper.

The Notification specifies baseline emission intensity levels for each covered company and prescribes defined emission limits for subsequent compliance periods. Companies operating within the prescribed limits are deemed compliant, while those exceeding the limits are required to offset the excess emissions through the purchase or use of carbon credits, failing which they may be liable for penalties.

The Rules also detail the compliance mechanism under the Scheme. Covered companies are required to meet the prescribed emission targets, report their emission data through the designated Portal under the Indian Carbon Market Framework, and address any shortfall through the utilization or purchase of carbon credits. These compliance requirements are now applicable to the newly included sectors as well.

The Rules have been notified under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, thereby making compliance legally binding. The Amendment further

expands the coverage of industrial units under the Scheme and strengthens India's carbon trading mechanism and emission reduction framework.

In case your name appears in the list enclosed under the Textile Sector of the said Gazette Notification dated 13th January, 2026, you are advised to carefully review the applicable Rules, assess your emission levels, and initiate necessary actions to ensure timely compliance.

This Circular is issued for the information and guidance of the members.

Regards,

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