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Shri C K Mishra
Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change

Subject: - Requesting 180 days extension for Providing Comments on Draft Battery Waste Management Rules 2020

Respected Sir,

Greetings from MAIT!

This bears reference to Draft of Battery Waste Management Rules 2020 released on 20th February 2020 in supersession of the Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001. Industry was given time of 60 days for making any objection or suggestion on the proposals contained in the draft notification.

Here we would like to draw your attention on the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic and nationwide lockdown in India which has virtually halted the operations of all our members. Hence, the entire efforts of our members is on minimizing the impact of pandemic in business operation which, in turn, will help in salvaging our economy to the maximum possible extent.

Providing comments on the circulated draft on Battery Rules requires extensive work internally within the companies as well as rationalization by MAIT once all inputs are collated. Hence, in wake of current situation where only critical services are operational, it is our humble request to MoEF&CC to give industry at least 180 days extension for providing comments on Draft Battery Waste Rules 2020 i.e. the submission date for providing comments to be extended till October 20, 2020.

With regards,

George Paul
Chief Executive Officer

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