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FOREWORD

Rapid advancements in technology over the last twenty five years in electronics have drastically improved quality of life, working and operating environment globally. It has also created some environmental challenges, which if not addressed, will escalate into a situation that will cause irreversible damage to the environment and ultimately human health. The end product of this advancement in electronics is frequently waste electrical and electronic equipment. The increasing obsolescence rate of electrical and electronic equipment results in higher generation of WEEE leading to their disposal problems.

Realising the growing concern over e-waste, the Government of India (GOI) has supported several initiatives. Of particular importance is the assessment conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) on the management and handling of e-waste leading to the preparation of a "Guideline Document for Environmentally Recycling of E-Waste" for the SPCBs/PCCs as well as the industries. MOEF had also constituted a Task Force on E-Waste Management under the Chairmanship of Shri R. H. Khwaja, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) with Chairman, CPCB and senior representatives of the MoEF, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Information Technology, Confederation of Indian Industry, Manufacturer Association of Information Technology, National Metallurgical Laboratory, Indian Toxicological Research Institute as members.

During the three meetings of the Committee, there was consensus on the comments received. Accordingly the Guidelines on Environmentally Sound Management of E-Waste were revised.

The Guidelines as finalized are reference document for the management, handling and disposal of e-waste and are intended to provide broad guidance. However, the specific methods of treatment and disposal for specific wastes need to be worked out according to the hazard/risk potential of the waste under question. These Guidelines provide the minimum practice required to be followed in the management of e-wastes. The State Departments of Environment or State Pollution Control Board may prescribe more stringent norms as deemed necessary for local conditions. The implementation & monitoring of these Guidelines shall be done by the concerned State Pollution Control Boards/Committees.

I would like to place on record the valuable contribution made by all the Task Force Members, Central Pollution Control Board, State Pollution Control Boards, NGOs and the individuals who had contributed to the finalization of the Guidelines for Management of E-Waste.

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