

File No. 10-42/2009-IA.III
[Proposal No. IA/PY/MIS/26984/2009]
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(Impact Assessment Division)

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Dated: 5th August, 2021

To

M/s Karaikal Port Private Limited
Keezhavanjore Village, T R Pattinam,
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Puducherry

Subject: Expansion of Karaikal Port (Phase-II) at Puducherry by M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd. – Further consideration for Amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance -Amendment to Environmental and CRZ Clearance.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal No. IA/PY/MIS/26984/2009 submitted to this Ministry on 16th Sept. 2018, seeking Amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance for the aforementioned project as per the provisions of the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 and subsequent amendments under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

2. The above mentioned proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) for Infrastructure, CRZ and other miscellaneous projects in its 265th meeting during 23rd - 24th June, 2021, in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi.

3. The project proponent M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd made a presentation through video conferencing and provided the following information before the Committee:

- (i) Karaikal Port started commercial operations during the year 2009. Phase II EC was obtained from MoEF vide letter No. 10-42/2009-IA.III dated 22nd September 2009 with enhancement in cargo handling capacity from 4.0 MMTPA to 20.5 MMTPA.
- (ii) The request for EC Amendment was made due to the conditions prescribed by Puducherry Pollution Control Committee (PPCC) while renewal of consent to operate issued under Air and Water Acts in 2018. The condition explicitly mentioned that the categorization of cargoes shall be made by way of Amendment made in EC and it shall be categorised as per EIA Guidance Manual on Ports & Harbours, prepared by Administrative Staff College of India, Hyderabad published in February 2010. As per the Guidance Manual, the cargoes which are being handled at Karaikal Port have been categorized as Dry Bulk and Break Bulk and Liquid Cargo.
- (iii) Details of Cargo permitted by MoEF&CC in various EC/CRZ clearance letters and as permitted by PPCC and the request of PP for Categorization and Nomenclature Change are as following:

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EC 2006 (4 MMTPA)	EC 2009 (20.5 MMTPA)	PPCC permitted Cargo - CTO	Categorization as per ASCI Ports & Harbour Manual	Nomenclature as recommended by 36 th EAC , Nov 2018
Coal	Coal	Coal	Dry Bulk	Coal, Fertilizer, Clay, Iron Ore, Gypsum, Limestone, Dolomite, Aggregate, Clinker, Agro Products (Corn, Wheat, Sugar, Red Chillies), Wood Chips, Cement in Bulk, Sand
General Cargo	General Cargo	General Cargo (Textiles, Machinery, Timber, Steel, Containers, Granite, Marble slabs, Iron Ore, Fertilizers, Clay, Gypsum, Limestone, Agro Products like Sugar, Red Chillies, Wheat, Corn. Salt & Cement in Bags, Wood Chips, Aggregates, Dolomite & Clinkers Sand Cement in Bulk	Break Bulk/General Cargo	Textiles, Machinery, Timber, Steel, Containers, Granite, Marble slabs, Fertilizers in Bags, Agro Products such as Corn in Bags, Wheat , Red Chillies, Wood Chips, Cement in Bags, Salt
	EdibleOil/Multi purpose	Edible Oil	Liquid Cargo	Edible Oil
Note – PPCC – Puducherry Pollution Control Committee; CTO – Consent to Operate				

- (iv) Based on the above, the following cargo categorization of Cargo has been requested for-

Bulk Cargoes (18.0 MTPA)		Liquid Cargoes (2.5MTPA)
Dry Bulk	Break Bulk/General Cargo	
Coal	Textiles	Edible Oil
Fertilizers	Machinery	
Clay	Timber	
Iron Ore	Steel	
Gypsum	Containers	
Lime Stone	Granite	
Dolomite	Marble Slabs	
Aggregates	Fertilizers in Bags	
Agro Products such as Corn, Wheat, Sugar, Red Chillies, wood chips	Agro Products such as corn in bags, wheat, red chilliesetc	
Clinker	Wood chips	
Cement in Bulk	Cement (in Bags)	
Sand	Salt	

4. Based on the deliberations in the meeting and information provided by the proponent in support of the project, the EAC recommended for amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance during its 265th meeting during 23rd - 24th June, 2021. As per the recommendation of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby **accords Amendment in Environmental and CRZ Clearance** for "Expansion of Karaikal Port (Phase-II) at Puducherry by M/s Karaikal Port Pvt. Ltd." as mentioned at point 3(iv) above, with the additional specific conditions

- a. The cargo which are permitted by the Ministry vide its letter No.10-2/2006 dated 06th May 2006 and letter No. 10-42/2009-IAIII dated 22nd September 2009 and the cargo which are permitted by Puducherry Pollution Control Committee vide its letter No. PPCC/CON/AIR/TRP/KKL/JE/2019/800 dated 7th November, 2019 is only permissible. No other cargo other than permissible cargos as mentioned in the above letters and as per the revised nomenclature is permitted.
 - b. All other conditions mentioned in the letter No. 10-2/2006 dated 06th May 2006, letter No. 10-42/2009-IAIII dated 22nd September 2009 and letter No. PPCC/CON/AIR/TRP/KKL/JE/2019/800 dated 7th November, 2019 shall remain unchanged.
5. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.


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3. The Member Secretary, Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority and Department of Science, Technology & Environment, Government of Puducherry, Anna Nagar, Puducherry - 5.
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