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Department of Environment and Climate Change  
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May 30, 2025

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**Subject: Notification on Inclusion of Veneering Activity under Green Category**

Dasho/Sir/Madam,

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) pleased to notify that the establishment and operation of veneer manufacturing plants (provided electrical equipment/technology from renewable energy sources is used and does not involve use of chemicals or adhesives), irrespective of scale, is hereafter classified under the “Green Category” in the Project Categorization 2025 and henceforth exempted from the requirement of obtaining an Environmental Clearance (EC). However, the proponent shall be required to ensure that any waste generated from the above-mentioned activity is managed in line with the Waste Management Act 2009 and Waste Prevention and Management Regulation 2012 (including its 2016 amendments).

This is issued in line with the decision of the 159th Environment Assessment and Technical Committee meeting held on May 21, 2025, which is made based on the authority delegated to the DECC by the 42nd National Environment Commission meeting to exempt activity with low risk on the environment from the Environment Assessment process.

Should this notification necessitate further clarification, kindly consult the Environment Assessment and Compliance Division (EACD) of DECC at 02-323384.

Sincerely,

  
Sonam Tashi  
DIRECTOR



**Copy to:**

1. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MoENR), Thimphu for kind information;
2. Dasho Dzongdags, Chairman, Dzongkhag Environment Committee, All Dzongkhag Administrations for kind information;
3. Executive Secretary, All Thromde Administration for kind information;

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4. Director, Department of Industry, MoICE, Thimphu for kind information;
5. Head of Environment Service Section, DoI, MoICE for kind information;
6. Six Regional Offices of Industry, Commerce and Employment (RoICE), for kind information; and
7. Environment Specialist, DECC, MoENR, Thimphu for kind information.