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**CIRCULAR NO. 41**

**December 31, 2014 VERY IMPORTANT**

**COMPLIANCE OF SINDH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT, 2014**

**AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS MADE THERE UNDER:**

We are attaching a scanned copy of letter dated December 30, 2014 of Mr. S.M. Yahya, Additional Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Government of Sindh for information and record.

The subject act is applicable to all industrial or commercial or other operations and we would advise our esteemed members to ensure implementation and compliance of the provisions of the Act. The contents of this Act can be downloaded from the following website [www.af.org.pk](http://www.af.org.pk) or the book can be purchased at a cost of Rs.200/= from Petiwala Books International, Ismail Mansion, Moulana Deen Mohammed Wafai Road, Pakistan Chowk, Karachi Telephone # 213-2218643.

We are reproducing partly, clauses of two relevant sections from which it will be apparent to our members that a thorough study of this Act is necessary to avoid contravention and non-compliance of the rules.

**PART V (Section 11. (2): PROHIBITIONS & ENFORCEMENT**

“All persons, in industrial or commercial or other operations, shall ensure compliance with the Environmental Quality Standards for ambient air, drinking water, noise or any other Standards established under section 6(1)(g)(i); shall maintain monitoring records for such compliances; shall make available these records to the authorized person for inspection; and shall report or communicate the record to the Agency as required under any direction issued, notified or required under any rules and regulations.”

**PART VIII (Section 22. (1): OFFENCES & PENALTIES**

“Whoever contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of sections 11, 17, 18 and 21 or any order issued there under shall be punishable with a fine which may extend to Rupees 5,000,000/=, to the damage caused to the environment and in the case of a continuing contravention or failure, with an additional fine which may extend to Rupees 100,000/= for every day during which such contravention or failure continues:

Provided that if the contravention of the provisions of section 11 also constitutes a contravention of the provisions of section 15, such contravention shall be punishable under sub-section (2).”

From the above, the importance of the knowledge of this Act can be understood, and it is strongly recommended that all concerned may obtain copy of the Act at the earliest **for strict implementation & compliance.**

Regards

Rashid Hamidani

Secretary General