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संख्या /No. VIII(3)125/Circular/Petroleum

दिनांक /Nagpur, dated 12/03/2026

CIRCULAR

Sub: Temporary permission for establishment of temporary shed for Storage of SKO in barrels or drums (non-bulk) (Petroleum Class-B) upto 2,500 litres in Petroleum Service Stations licensed in Form-XIV under Petroleum Rules 2002

Keeping in view the prevailing Geo-Political situation affecting energy supplies worldwide and with reference to MoPNG letter No.M-11021(16)/1/2026-Distribution-PNG dated 12th March 2026 to facilitate public Distribution of SKO, the PSU OMCs (IOCL, HPCL, BPCL) are permitted to store Superior Kerosene Oil (SKO) in the existing Petroleum Service Stations licensed in Form-XIV under Petroleum Rules 2002 complying with the following conditions.

- 1) The SKO can be temporarily stored in barrels upto 2500 litres in a shed within the existing Petroleum Service Stations licensed in Form-XIV under Petroleum Rules 2002 for public distribution.
- 2) Only one stand alone temporary storage shed shall be constructed in one Petroleum Service Station.
- 3) The SKO temporary storage shed shall not be constructed above the underground petroleum storage tanks. It shall be minimum 6 metre away from the dispensers, minimum 4 metre away from the underground tank vent points and minimum 3 metre away from the underground tank fill points.
- 4) The SKO shall be stored only in the storage shed which shall be constructed of suitable non-combustible materials. The storage shed shall be restricted to 16 square metre area, with 60cm space shall be provided in-between the barrel rows. Filled barrels shall not be stacked one above the other. It shall be constructed of brick masonry walls upto 30cm high with 90cm fencing above it, surrounded in three sides and one side open for loading/unloading of SKO barrels.
- 5) The storage shed shall be suitably finished to form a sump not more than 30 cm deep. The enclosure or sump thus formed shall be of sufficient capacity to contain not less than half of the total quantity of SKO to be stored and be so constructed and maintained

as to prevent escape there from of any SKO in the form of liquid whether under the action of fire or otherwise.

6) The sump and enclosure must be kept clean and free from any accumulation of inflammable liquids.

7) The storage area shall be segregated by suitable barricading.

8) No smoking sign in English and local language shall be prominently displayed near the storage shed.

9) The OMC shall prepare a SOP for safety and smooth operation of public distribution of SKO at the existing petroleum service stations.

10) Drums or barrels containing SKO shall be opened only for the time necessary for drawing off SKO and during such drawing off every reasonable precautions shall be adopted for preventing the escape of SKO or the vapour there from.

11) All empty drums or barrels which have contained SKO except when they are opened for the purpose of cleaning them and rendering them free from petroleum vapour, be kept securely closed unless they have been thoroughly cleaned and freed from petroleum inflammable vapours.

12) No person shall repair or cause to be repaired any drums or barrels in which to his knowledge, any SKO is or has been kept until he has taken all reasonable precautions to ensure that the drums or barrels has been rendered free from such SKO and any inflammable vapour.

13) Adequate precautions shall be taken at all times for the prevention of accident by fire or explosion. An adequate supply of dry sand buckets together with necessary implements for its convenient application and minimum two numbers of portable fire-extinguishers suitable for fighting petroleum fires shall always be kept in easily accessible places immediately outside the bounded enclosure.

14) Every care shall be taken to prevent any SKO escaping into any drain, sewer, river or watercourse or a public road.

15) Adequate precautions shall be taken to prevent unauthorized persons having access to SKO and to any drums or barrels which contains or has contained SKO.

16) The licensee shall keep daily records and accounts of all receipts and issues of SKO and present the same to Inspector or sampling officer on demand.

17) The OMC shall at all times maintain safety and security of the service station and ensure proper control of movement of public and vehicles.

18) Suitable flameproof electrical fittings/equipments/motors/pumps shall be used for drawing of SKO from the barrels/drums. Mobile phones and other articles capable of creating ignition source shall not be permitted within the hazardous area.

19) Any SKO remaining after the completion of temporary storage period shall be returned to the depot or stored in premises duly licensed under the Petroleum Rules 2002.

20) Any accident, fire or explosion occurring in the licensed premises, shall be immediately reported to the nearest Magistrate or to the officer-in-charge of the nearest police station and to the licensing authority.

The above conditions shall be strictly adhered while establishment of temporary shed for storage of SKO in barrels and drums in the existing petroleum service stations.

This permission does not absolve the OMCs from obtaining any other statutory permission under other statutes as applicable.

The above permission shall be valid for one month from the date of issue.



(R.N. Meena)

Chief Controller of Explosives

To,

The Chairman & Managing Director of PSU OMCs (IOCL, HPCL, BPCL)

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Shri Amol Ket, Director, DPIIT, New Delhi
2. Ms Richa, Under Secretary, MoPNG, New Delhi: with reference to MoPNG letter NO.M-11021(16)/1/2026-Distribution-PNG dated 12th March 2026
3. All Circle/ Sub-Circle offices of PESO