

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE XXXI MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED
STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL**

Date : 2nd August, 2006
Time : 3.00 p.m.
Venue : Room No. 403 Conference Room,
Paryavaran Bhawan,
CGO Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

- Item No. 1** : Adoption of the Agenda
- Item No. 2** : Confirmation of Minutes of the XXX Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) meeting held on 1st February, 2006.
- Item No. 3** : Action taken on decision of the XXX ESC.
- Item No. 4** : Progress of Implementation Status of the Projects.
- a) Umbrella Project in Foam Sector.
 - b) Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector.
 - c) National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan (NCCoPP).
 - d) CFC Phase out Project.
 - e) National CTC Phase out Plan.
- Item No. 5** : Consideration of the applications received for Duty Exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.
- Item No. 6** : Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

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ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE XXXI MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL TO BE HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 2006

Item No. 1 : Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional agenda may be adopted.

Item No. 2 : Confirmation of Minutes of the XXX Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) meeting held on 1st February, 2006.

The Minutes of XXX meeting of the ESC which was held on 1st February, 2006 have been circulated to all members. No comments have been received. The Minutes at **Annexure – I** may be confirmed.

Item No. 3 : Action taken on decision of the XXX ESC.

S. No	Decision taken in XXX ESC	Action taken on the decision
1	Agenda Item No. 3. Serial No. 1	The Ministry of Finance in its notification issued in March 2006, extended the duty exemption facilities for substitution of ODS in respect of new or expanded capacity with non-ODS technology for the financial year 2006-2007.
2	Agenda Item No. 3. Serial No. 2	The draft amendment of Ozone Depleting Substances (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000 has been submitted to the Ministry of Law and Justice with the approval of MEF.
3	Duty exemption applications in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology discussed and approved in the XXIX meeting of the ESC.	Duty exemption certificates for the following enterprises were issued :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ M/s Global Autotech Ltd. Noida (U.P.) ➤ M/s ICOMM Tele Ltd., Hyderabad ➤ M/s Subros Ltd., U.P. & Haryana ➤ M/s Videocon International Limited, Aurangabad (Maharashtra) ➤ M/s Pranav Vikas Ltd., Faridabad ➤ M/s Tecumseh Products India Ltd., Haryana

Item No. 4 :

Progress of Implementation of Projects

a) Progress of Implementation Status of Umbrella Project in Foam Sector

The project was approved in 37th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund (MLF), at a total funding level of US\$ 5,424,577, to be provided in five tranches, leading up to the complete phase-out of CFCs in the Foam Sector in India. So far, four tranches, amounting US\$ 5,656,789 have been approved by the Executive Committee and released to UNDP.

As per the project document and survey taken by the UNDP, all the enterprises (118) have been endorsed by the Ozone Cell in five batches. The UNDP has procured equipment worth US\$ 3.47 million. At 88 enterprises, conversion activities have been completed. Equipment for 30 enterprises have been procured.

The Committee may kindly take note of the above information.

b) Progress of Implementation Status of Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector

The Plan for Phase-out of CFCs in the Refrigeration (Manufacturing) Sector in India project was approved in 38th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the MLF, at a total funding level of US\$ 3,609,186 to be provided in five tranches, leading up to the complete phase-out of CFCs in the Refrigeration (Mfg.) sector in India. The Plan is implemented by the UNDP and UNIDO.

So far, four tranches amounting to US\$ 3,209,186 have been approved by the MLF and released to UNDP and UNIDO. As per the project document and survey taken by UNDP, 196 enterprises have been endorsed in six batches by the Ozone Cell. Out of which, conversion activities have been completed at 36 enterprises. Equipment for 104 enterprises have been procured and installed. Equipment for 56 enterprises is being procured.

The Committee may kindly take note of the above information.

c) Implementation Status of the National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan (NCCoPP)

The National CFC Consumption Phase-out Plan was approved at 42nd meeting of the Executive Committee at

a total cost of US\$ 6.388 million. The Government of Germany, as the lead Implementing Agency, has initiated the implementation process. The UNDP has taken steps for procurement of equipment. The UNEP has also initiated activities to launch the awareness programme and NACEN is coordinating for the Customs and Policy Training. So far, the MLF has approved two tranches amounting to US\$ 4,540,890.

The Core Group, under the chairmanship of Prof. Agarwal, met on 7th March 2006 to review the progress made so far. A copy of the Minutes may be seen at ***Annexure – II.***

The progress of various activities made during January to June 2006 are given at ***Annexure-III.***

The Committee may kindly take note of the information given in Annexure III.

d) Implementation Status of CFC Phase out Project.

The CFC production sector gradual phase out project was approved in the 29th Meeting of the Executive Committee. It includes US\$ 80 million for compensation of producer enterprises and US\$ 2 million for Technical Assistance Programme. So far, six tranches amounting US\$ 56.8 million have been released and disbursed to four CFC producing enterprises.

Till date the project has successfully phased out 11,294 MT of CFCs beginning from the baseline of 22,588 MT in the year 1999.

The activities undertaken under the Technical Assistance Component of the CFC Gradual Phase-out project were reviewed by the Management Committee. A copy of the Minutes may be seen at ***Annexure – IV.***

A customs and policy training workshop was organized on 24-25 February, 2006 and on 12-13 May 2006 for State Government Agencies at Chennai and Ahmedabad respectively.

The Annual Work Programme for the year 2006 was prepared in January, 2006 in consultation with the WB and the UNEP. The 48th Executive Committee approved US\$ 6.30 million for implementation of the CY2006 Annual Programme. Through the implementation of the

CY2005 Annual Programme, India has reduced its CFC production to 11,294 MT, which is 50% of its baseline production in accordance with the schedule approved by the Executive Committee. Under the Technical Assistance Programme, as per the schedule half yearly technical audit has been carried out at 4 CFC producing enterprises in July 2006. The report will be submitted at the 32nd ESC.

e) Implementation Status of National CTC Phase out Plan.

Under the CTC National Phase-out Plan, the annual programme of CTC production and consumption for non-feedstock applications were reported to the 49th Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Multilateral Fund Secretariat along with the Annual Programme for the calendar year 2006. The annual programme for the calendar year 2006 was approved with a funding of US\$10.76 million for implementation of CTC sector plan. Besides, the activities relating to CTC production and consumption sector are in progress.

An evaluation mission on implementation of CTC sector plan for India, China, DPR of Korea and Pakistan is in progress from July 2006. The evaluation mission team is visiting producers and consumers of CTC in India between 27th July 2006 and 8th August 2006.

Item No. 5 :

Consideration of the applications received for Duty exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology

(i) The Technology and Finance Standing Committee (TFSC) in its meeting held on 22nd March, 2006 considered the following two applications and recommended for exemption of customs duty :-

- M/s Subros Limited, NOIDA
- M/s B.A. International Ltd., Uttaranchal

A copy of the Minutes of the TFSC is placed in Annexure V. Details of these applications may be seen in Vol. II of the Agenda notes. Certificates were issued with the approval of the Chairman, ESC on file.

ESC may kindly accord Ex post-facto approval for the above.

(ii) The technology and Finance Standing Committee (TFSC) in its meeting held on 15th June 2006 considered the following applications and recommended for exemption of customs and excise duty. Minutes of the TFSC of 15th June are placed in **Annexure VI**. Details of these applications may be seen in vol. III of the Agenda notes.

- M/s GASA Engineers Pvt. Ltd., Malanpur
- M/s. Malanpur Entech Pvt. Ltd., Malanpur
- M/s. U-Foam Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad
- M/s. Global Autotech Pvt. Ltd., NOIDA
- M/s. Pranav Vikas (India) Ltd., Faridabad
- M/s. B. A. International Ltd., Roorke

ESC may kindly accord approval for the above.

Item No. 6 :

Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

(a) The Combined Seventh Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Vienna Convention for Protection of the Ozone Layer and Seventeenth Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (MOP) was held at the Meridien President Hotel in Dakar, Senegal from 12 to 16 December 2005. The 17th MOP decided vide its *decision XVII/48* that “to convene the 18th MOP to the Montreal Protocol in India”. Further, 48th Executive Committee decided to host the 50th Excom in India. The committee may kindly take note of the above information.

(b) As per decision of 23rd ESC, the 32nd meeting of the ESC is scheduled to be held on 1st November 2006 which coincides with the 18th MOP. In view of this, the Committee may decide a suitable date for holding the 32nd meeting of the ESC.

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