

MINUTES OF THE XXXI MEETING OF THE EMPOWERED STEERING COMMITTEE (ESC) FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL HELD ON 2ND AUGUST, 2006 AT 3.00 P.M. IN ROOM NO. 403, PARYAVARAN BHAWAN, LODHI ROAD, NEW DELHI UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. NARESH DAYAL, SPECIAL SECRETARY (PA), MOEF

PRESENT:

Mr. Naresh Dayal, Special Secretary (PA) welcomed all the members and informed that Dr. Pradipto Ghosh, Secretary (E & F) could not chair the meeting due to pre-occupation and authorized him to chair the XXXI meeting of the Empowered Steering Committee (ESC). The list of participants is enclosed at ***Annex-I***.

Agenda Item No. 1 : Adoption of the Agenda.

The Committee adopted the following agenda items :-

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 Project (NCCoPP).
- (d) CFC Phase out Project.
- (e) National CTC Phase out Project.

Item No. 5: Consideration of applications received for Duty Exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.

Item No. 6: Other matters with the permission of the Chair.

Agenda Item No. 2 : Confirmation of Minutes of the XXX ESC meeting held on 1st February, 2006.

Since there were no comments received, the Committee confirmed the Minutes of XXX meeting of the ESC held on 1st February, 2006.

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

Dr. A. Duraisamy, Director (O) introduced the item and informed the action taken on each decision of XXX ESC. The Committee noted the following :-

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 XXX 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

Agenda Item No. 4 : Progress of Implementation of Projects

The Committee noted the progress of implementation status, details of funds approved, enterprises endorsed and completion of the projects in respect of the following :

- (a) Umbrella Project in Foam Sector.
- (b) Umbrella Project in Commercial Refrigeration Sector.
- (c) National CFC Consumption Phase-out Project (NCCoPP).
- (d) CFC Phase out Project.
- (e) National CTC Phase out Project.

While considering the progress of implementation status in NCCoPP, the Committee also requested the Ozone Cell to ensure whether small refrigerators using CFC as refrigerant are manufactured and available in the market.

Agenda Item No. 5 : Consideration of the applications received for Duty Exemption in respect of new or expanded activities with non-ODS technology.

- (i) The Committee noted the information and explanation provided by Director (O) regarding issuance of customs duty certificate in respect of the following enterprises : -

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

The details of equipment in respect of each enterprise listed above are given in **Annex-II**. Taking note of the above, the Committee decided to accord ex-post-facto approval.

- (ii) The Technology and Finance Standing Committee (TFSC) at its meeting held on 15th June 2006, considered five applications for exemption of customs duty and one application for excise duty exemption on the equipments. Prof. S. K. Mukerjee, Consultant, Ozone Cell provided the details about the company profile and their intended products for the following six enterprises : -

- 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

While considering the above, one member sought clarification whether the funds made available under Montreal Protocol and the benefit given under this notification had resulted any technology upgradation in the various sector covered under the Protocol. It was informed that as per Article 10A of the Montreal Protocol, financial support has been provided to the developing countries by the Multilateral Fund in the form of incremental costs which include the technology transfer. This facilitates smooth transfer of technologies through the equipment supplier in foam, aerosol, fire extinguisher, refrigeration and solvent sectors. The Committee was also informed that the technology for manufacturing HFC-134a which is an alternative to CFC-12 was under the private domain in the developed countries and the same technology transfer to India was not cost-effective.

However, Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad, with the financial support from M/s. SRF Limited and M/s. Navin Fluorine Industries, has developed the technology for manufacturing HFC-134a in a pilot scale. It was

also informed to the Committee that M/s. SRF Limited is establishing a facility to produce HFC-134a. The production is likely to be commenced in the near future.

The Committee taking note of the recommendations of the TFSC and suggestions made by the members, approved all the applications for exemption of customs and excise duty on the equipment as listed in **Annex-III**.

Agenda Item No. 6 : Any other matter with the permission of Chair.

- (i) The Committee took note of the dates for 18th Meeting of Parties to the Montreal Protocol, 50th Executive Committee and other related meeting to be held during 25th October - 10th November, 2006 and appreciated the initiative taken by MoEF for organizing these meetings.
- (ii) Since the date of XXXII ESC is coincided with the 18th MOP, the Committee decided that the date for the next ESC meeting may be decided by the Chairman on file.

The Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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