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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIES, INVESTMENT PROMOTION AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU BUSINESS FACILITATION RULES, 2017

[G.O. Ms. No.216, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MIB.2), 11th Septermber 2026, ஆவணி 25, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. SRO A-16(c-1)/2026.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 34 of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2018), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Rules, 2017.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules,-

(1) in rule 2, after clause (5), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:-

"(5-A) **'Real Estate Project'** means the development of a building or a building consisting of apartments, or converting an existing building or a part thereof into apartments, or the development of land into plots or apartments, as the case may be, for the purpose of selling or leasing all or some of the said apartments or plots or building, as the case may be, and includes common areas, development works, all improvements and structures thereon and all easement, rights and appurtenances belonging thereto";

(2) in rule 3, for the expression "Tamil Nadu Industrial Guidance and Export Promotion Bureau", the expression "Guidance" shall be substituted;

(3) in rule 5, after sub-rule (3), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

(3-A) The Nodal Agency shall dispose the applications received under rule 11-A within the time limit specified in such rule.";

(4) in rule 11,

(a) after sub-rule (6), the following sub-rules shall be inserted, namely:-

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(6-A) No applicant shall be required to submit any information or document which has already been provided by the applicant or is available with any Government authority. All such information or documents shall be retrieved by the Competent Authority through electronic and inter-operable systems, including Application Programming Interfaces, wherever feasible. Resubmission shall be required only when there is a change in the particulars or where fresh submission is mandated by law.

(6-B) For the purposes of obtaining any clearance or for fulfilling any compliance requirement under these rules, all documents submitted by an applicant shall be accepted based on self-attestation, wherever applicable. No Competent Authority shall require the applicant to furnish affidavits, notarized documents or attestations by any authority, except where such requirement is expressly mandated under any Central Act, rule, regulation or order for the time being in force.";

(b) after sub-rule (15), the following sub-rule shall be added, namely:-

"(16) The applicant shall, through the Single Window Portal, update any change in name, ownership or address relating to clearances using the Know Your Customer (KYC) mechanism provided therein. Such updates shall be stored in the central Know Your Customer repository and automatically updated across all linked departmental databases or trigger necessary changes through Application Programming Interface integration, wherever applicable.";

(5) after rule 11, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"11-A. Procedure for issuing of acknowledgment certificate. – (1) Any person who intends to start a new activity or expand its activities shall submit the Combined Application Form through Single Window Online Portal accompanying with requisite fees under rule 7 and upload the necessary documents as enclosures including a self-certification in Annexure 12, Certificate from Architect or Structural Engineer in Annexure 13 and an Auditor Certificate in Annexure 14, wherever applicable. For planning permission and building permit applications, the application will be considered only after the receipt of No Objection Certificate from the Directorate of Fire and Rescue Services and the other No Objection Certificates issued by the Central Government departments, wherever applicable.

(2) On receipt of the Combined Application Form along with the supporting documents, a receipt will be issued to the applicant through the portal, for the purpose of tracking and monitoring the status of the application. The Single Window Portal will also automatically forward the application to the Nodal Agency, as the case may be. The Nodal Agency shall process the application and may issue the Acknowledgment Certificate in Annexure 15 or reject the application within ten working days. The Acknowledgment Certificate will be available in the applicant's login automatically and sent to all relevant competent authorities.

(3) The Acknowledgment Certificate with a unique identification number can be downloaded from the portal. This unique identification number serves to facilitate the verification of the Acknowledgment Certificate issued by the Nodal Agency, by any third party, if required.

(4) In cases where the Nodal Agency has not processed the application for Acknowledgment Certificate within the stipulated time limits, Acknowledgement Certificate will be deemed to have been issued and the portal will automatically generate the Acknowledgement Certificate with name and seal of the Nodal Agency concerned.";

(6) in rule 21, after sub-rule (6), the following sub-rule shall be inserted, namely:-

"(6-A) Notwithstanding anything contained in these Rules, where an application relating to any clearance or service for which deemed approval under rule 13 is not applicable, is not disposed of by the Competent Authority within the time limits specified in rule 12, the Single Window Portal shall, on expiry of such timelimit, automatically register the application as a grievance without requiring any separate application from the applicant. Such system-generated grievance shall be processed through the grievance redressal mechanism and escalation workflow as may be notified by the Government from time to time. The applicant and the Competent Authority shall be informed electronically of such registration and all subsequent actions taken thereon through the Single Window Portal.";

(7) in "Annexure 1 – checklist of Enclosures to be submitted with Application in Single Window Portal,"-

(i) for the expressions "Affidavit of undertaking", "Affidavit" and "Affidavit - Undertaking", wherever they occur, the expression "Self-attested declaration" shall be substituted;

(ii) the expression "in Rs.20/- non-judicial paper" wherever it occurs, shall be omitted;

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(8) in "Annexure 1.3 Affidavit of Undertaking for effluent release" and in "Annexure 1.4 – AFFIDAVIT", for the expression "Duty attested by the Notary Public", the expression "signature of the applicant" shall be substituted;

(9) After Annexure 11, the following Annexures 12, 13, 14 and 15 shall be added, namely:-

"ANNEXURE 12

(see rule 11-A)

SELF-CERTIFICATION TO BE FILED ALONGWITH COMBINED APPLICATION FORM

(To be executed on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/-)

I _____ son / daughter / wife of _____, residing at _____, being the proprietor / managing partner / Managing Director / Authorized Signatory of the proposed / existing manufacturing unit / service unit namely _____, proposed / existing located at _____, hereby undertake that the information furnished in the above application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and no material information has been concealed. I do hereby agree with any legal action that may arise if any of the information given above is found to be incorrect in future. Further, I assure that I shall follow the conditions prescribed by the Government mentioned below:-

1. I/We have not previously availed the Acknowledgment Certificate for the clearances or for this specific clearance for the land or building or premises as mentioned in the application in any other name and in any other location.
2. I/We shall abide by the rules and regulations made under the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 (Tamil Nadu Act 35 of 1972) and Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 and agree to get the portion or whole of the building demolished if it is found that the building violates of any rules and regulations.
3. I/We undertake that all safety and precautionary measures will be provided to the employees under the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950 and any amendments thereof.
4. I/We certify that the factory plan will be prepared in accordance with the provisions contained in the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950 and any amendments thereof.
5. I/We shall abide by the rules and regulations made under Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961) and any amendments thereof.
6. I/We shall abide by the rules and regulations made under The Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999) or the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994) and any amendments thereof, as applicable.
7. I/We shall obtain all the required clearances from the competent authorities of the Government before the expiry of the Acknowledgment Certificate, and am/are aware that no additional or further intimation shall be given by the competent authorities for the same.
8. I/We will not engage in any manufacturing or service activity which is prohibited under any law or which may pose any serious threat to public health or law and order.
9. I/We confirm that there is clear title for the land. I/we intend to use and such land is neither under any dispute nor in any restricted category.
10. I/We confirm that land is not used in deviation to the land use specified in the master plan or reclassification is not required.

Place: *For M/s.* _____

Date: *Authorized Signatory:* _____

*Name:*_____

*Designation:*_____

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ANNEXURE 13

(see rule 11-A)

Certificate from Architect/Structural Engineer

CERTIFICATION FROM ARCHITECT/STRUCTURAL ENGINEER TO BE SUBMITTED ALONGWITH COMBINED APPLICATION FORM

(To be executed on a non-judicial stamp paper of Rs.100/-)

I _____ son / daughter / wife of _____, residing at _____, with Registration No._____, E-Mail ID_____ and Mobile No. _____ have been engaged by M/s._____ as the Architect / Structural Engineer for the proposed / existing manufacturing unit / service unit namely _____, proposed/existing located at _____.

2. I shall abide by all the rules and regulations made under the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 (Tamil Nadu Act 35 of 1972) and the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 and agree to any legal action that may arise if any of the information given above is found to be incorrect in future.

Place: *Signature:* _____

Date: *Name:* _____
(with Registration No.)

Address: _____

ANNEXURE 14

(see rule 11-A)

AUDITOR CERTIFICATE TO BE SUBMITTED ALONGWITH COMBINED APPLICATION FORM

M/s…… had filed a Combined Application Form and submitted Self-certification under the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Rules, 2017 to set up a…… (Manufacturing/Service) enterprise at …… (location).

I ……, being the Proprietor / Managing Partner / Managing Director / Authorized Signatory of the Audit firm namely ……, located at ……, hereby certify that the financial information furnished by M/s…… in the above application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and no material information has been concealed.

Place: *For M/s.* _____
Date: *(with Registration No.)*

*Signature:*_____

Authorized Signatory: _____

*Designation:*_____

Note:

In case the Applicant does not have a statutory auditor, it may provide the certificate from any other Chartered Accountant.

ANNEXURE 15

(see rule 11-A)

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT CERTIFICATE

Certificate No:_____

Date of Issue: _____

M/s..... had filed a Combined Application Form and submitted Self-certification and other supporting documents under the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Rules, 2017 to set up a.....(Manufacturing/ Service) enterprise. The receipt of the application and supporting documents for the enterprise is acknowledged and the enterprise is notified enterprise under sub-section (2) of section 11-A of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2018).

1. Subject to the provisions of the Act and Rules, this Acknowledgment Certificate shall entitle the enterprise:-

   (a) Applicable for the following eligible clearances, notified under the Act, chosen by the applicant.

S.No	Name of the Clearance	Department
1 2 3	<The list of eligible clearances selected by the applicant>	
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   (b) It can be presented to any Competent Authority or Bank or Financial Institution as and when required who shall treat it as valid approval as defined in clause (e) of section 2 of the Act for all the purposes, as long as it remains valid.

   (c) It is not transferrable and is not a substitute for any of the approvals as defined in clause (e) of section 2 of the said Act.

2. This Acknowledgment Certificate is issued, subject to the following conditions:-

   (a) The provisions of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2018) and its applicability shall be limited to the eligible clearances as notified under the Act and chosen by the applicant and the activities mentioned in the Combined Application Form.

   (b) The Acknowledgment Certificate is valid until _____.

   (c) The enterprise shall obtain required clearances from Competent Authorities concerned, before the expiry of Acknowledgment Certificate, for which no further intimation shall be provided.

   (d) In case of willful submission of false information in Self-Certification or suppression of material fact or breach or contravention of any of the provisions in the Act and the Rules, the enterprise shall be liable for punishment under section 28 of the Act.

   (e) The Acknowledgement Certificate shall become void if the enterprise ceases to exist due to merger or division of enterprise or acquisition or amalgamation of the enterprises.

   (f) If an application submitted by the enterprise has been rejected by the Competent Authority concerned, the Acknowledgement Certificate shall become void.

   (g) The Acknowledgment Certificate issued as per Annexure 15 of this rules shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of its issuance and the applicant shall obtain required approvals from the Competent Authorities concerned within the expiry of the Acknowledgment Certificate.

   (h) The Acknowledgement Certificate shall not entitle a person or enterprise to use a land in deviation to the land use specified in the master plan or as otherwise specified. It shall also not entitle a person or enterprise to use land without clear title or falling in restricted categories, including but not restricted to forest land, water bodies and land belonging to religious institutions.

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(i) In the event, the applicant fails to comply with the conditions specified in the self-certificate or violates any of the provisions of the Acts, rules, bye-laws, notifications, standing orders, executive instructions, guidelines and the regulations for such eligible clearances, the Competent Authority concerned shall invoke the appropriate penal provisions.

Date: *Signature of Nodal Agency.*

<QR Code> "Competent Authorities to verify the genuineness of the Acknowledgment Certificate by scanning the QR Code.".

NOTIFICATION – II

[G.O. Ms. No.216, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MIB.2), 11th Septermber 2026, ஆவணி 25, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. SRO A-16(c-2)/2026.

Under clause (rr) of section 2 of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2018), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies any enterprise as classified under sub-section (1) of section 7 of the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (Central Act 27 of 2006), other than the enterprises that are involved in a Real Estate Project, as defined in clause (5-A) of rule 2 of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Rules, 2017, as notified enterprise.

NOTIFICATION - III

[G.O. Ms. No.216, Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce (MIB.2), 11th Septermber 2026, ஆவணி 25, பராபவ, திருவள்ளுவர் ஆண்டு–2057.]

No. SRO A-16(c-3)/2026.

Under clause (b) of sub-section (2) of section 11-A of the Tamil Nadu Business Facilitation Act, 2018 (Tamil Nadu Act 7 of 2018), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby notifies the list of pre-establishment clearances and pre-operation clearances, specified in column (2) of the table below and departments which is competent to issue such clearance as specified in the corresponding entries in column (3) thereof: -

THE TABLE

S.No.	*Name of the Clearance*	*Department*
(1)	*(2)*	*(3)*
I. Pre-establishment Clearances:		
1.	Planning permission under section 49 of the Tamil Nadu Town and Country Planning Act, 1971 (Tamil Nadu Act 35 of 1972).	Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) in respect of Chennai metropolitan area.
		Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DT & CP) in respect of other areas.
2.	Building Permit under sub-rule (3) of rule 10 of the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019 (a) in respect of local areas within the municipalities;	respective Urban local body.
	(b) in respect of local areas within the Village Panchayats.	respective Village Panchayat.
3.	Approval of sites, construction or Extension of a factory from the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH) under sub-rule (3) of rule 3 of the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950.	Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH).

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S.No.	*Name of the Clearance*	*Department*
(1)	*(2)*	*(3)*
4.	Grant of permission to industrial or commercial undertaking to acquire or hold any land, acquired in excess of ceiling under section 37-A of the Tamil Nadu Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Tamil Nadu Act 58 of 1961).	Revenue and Disaster Management Department.
II. Pre-Operation Clearances		
1.	Registration of a Factory and licence for non-hazardous industries from the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health under sub-rule (6) of rule 4 of the Tamil Nadu Factories Rules, 1950.	Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH).
2.	Checking up of any deviation from the approved plan by the competent authority after the receipt of progress certificate under sub-rule (4) of rule 20 of the Tamil Nadu Combined Development and Building Rules, 2019.	Chennai Metropolitan Development Authority (CMDA) in respect of Chennai metropolitan area and the Directorate of Town and Country Planning (DT&CP) in respect of other areas.
3.	**Trade Licence in respect of. –** (a) Municipalities under section 102 of the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, 1998 (Tamil Nadu Act 9 of 1999)	Urban local body.
	(b) Village Panchayats under section 148 of the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act, 1994 (Tamil Nadu Act 21 of 1994).	Village Panchayat.

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