



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Fire and Rescue Services-Compliance Reduction and Deregulation- Extension of Validity of Fire No Objection Certificate (NOC) – Orders issued.

HOME (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms)No.143/2025/HOME Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 04-08-2025

- Read:
1. G.O.(Ms) No. 107/2013/Home dated 18.04.2013
 2. Proceedings of the meeting held on 19.03.2025 under the Chairpersonship of Chief Secretary and Secretary, Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Govt. of India .
 - 3.. Letter No. 406/Prl.Secy./2025/Ind. dated 02.04.2025
 4. Letter No. FIREHQ/259/2025-F2 dated 03.05.2025 from the Director General, Fire & Rescue Services
 5. Minutes of the meeting chaired by the Additional Chief Secretary (Home & Vigilance) on 24.05.2025
 6. Letter No. KSIDC/TVM/IF-213/2025/850 dated 17.06.2025 from the Managing Director, KSIDC

ORDER

As part of the State Business Reform Action Plan (SBRAP)-2024, under the Deregulation and Compliance Reduction Initiative, Government have examined the matter regarding the validity period of Fire No Objection Certificates (Fire NOCs) issued by the Fire & Rescue Services Department.

2. At present, Fire NOCs are being issued for a period of one year as a matter of practice, in accordance with a reference in the Appendix of the G.O. read as 1st paper above that NOC is to be renewed every year to vouch the fire fighting preparedness of High Rise buildings.

3. In the context of improving Ease of Doing Business and reducing

compliance burden, Government are of the view that mandatory annual renewal of Fire NOCs for all occupancies causes avoidable hardship , repeated documentation and leads to unnecessary procedural delay, particularly for buildings and establishments with minimal fire safety risks. At the same time, Government are conscious of the need to ensure continued fire safety in buildings with hazardous occupancy, such as those involving hazardous industries or buildings having multiple integrated electric circuits or the buildings with storage of hazardous materials, where longer validity without reassessment may pose safety risks.

4. Government have, therefore, examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order as follows:

i. **In respect of occupancies other than hazardous industries and storage of hazardous goods**, the validity of the Fire NOC shall be fixed as **five years**, subject to payment of five times the applicable annual fee. The applicant / occupant / Licensee shall have the liberty to opt for a validity of four years, or lesser periods, on payment of the proportionate fee .

ii. **In respect of hazardous industries and buildings used for storage of hazardous materials**, the validity of the Fire NOC shall be limited to **two years**, subject to payment of twice the annual fee.

iii. The extended validity shall be subject to continued compliance with fire safety norms .This shall be effective from the next NOC renewal date for each licensee/applicant.

5. The Director General, Fire & Rescue Services shall take urgent steps to give effect to the above orders, including suitable amendments to procedures and formats.

(By order of the Governor)

BISHWANATH SINHA

ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY

The Secretary, Department of Land Resources (DoLR), Government of India

The Principal Secretary, Industries Department, Government of Kerala

The Director General, Fire & Rescue Services

The Managing Director, KSIDC

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