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MoEFCC, November 20, 2026: an EPR provision of the End-of-Life Vehicles Rules, 2025 applies only to vehicle producers that permanently cease operations.

A PROVISION OF THE End-of-Life Vehicles Rules, 2025 comes into operation only when a producer permanently ceases operations, and does not apply to producers that continue to operate; at cessation, the Central Board determines the producer's Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) obligations as on that date. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) made this change by the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026, notification S.O. 6326(E) dated November 20, 2026, which inserts it in rule 4(6). The amendment rules "shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette".

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A second proviso in rule 4(6) says what happens at the time of permanent cessation of operations. The producer "shall inform the Central Board about the vehicles introduced in the market in the preceding fifteen years for transport vehicles or twenty years for non-transport vehicles, as the case may be", in the format the Central Board provides. The Central Board shall then determine and inform the producer's EPR obligations "as on the date of cessation of operations". While determining them under sub-rule (6), it shall take into consideration all the applicable provisions in this regard.

The amendment also changes rule 9(2): the words "or other steel scrap materials related to automobile sector processed at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility" are omitted.

The notification is published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 6086, dated November 20, 2026 (CG-DL-E-24112026-278144). It is made under sections 3, 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, and signed by Uday Chaudhari, Joint Secretary, under F. No. HSM-23/55/2021-HSM-Part(1). The draft amendment rules were published as S.O. 1619(E) of March 27, 2026, inviting objections and suggestions before the expiry of sixty days from the date the Gazette was made available to the public. The notification says all objections and suggestions received have been duly considered, and that the Central Government is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to dispense with the requirement of notice under rule 5(3)(a) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986. The principal rules were published as S.O. 98(E) of January 6, 2025.

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Legal basis	Sections 3(1), 3(2)(v) and (vii), 6(1), 6(2)(c) and (d), 8 and 25(2)(b), Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, read with clauses (ii) and (x) of rule 5(1) and clause (d) of rules 5(3) and 5(4), Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986
Takes effect	On the date of publication in the Official Gazette
Rule 4(6)	Comes into operation only upon permanent cessation of operations by the producers; shall not apply to producers that continue to operate
On cessation	The producer informs the Central Board about the vehicles introduced in the market in the preceding 15 years (transport vehicles) or 20 years (non-transport vehicles), in the Central Board's format; the Central Board determines and informs the producer's EPR obligations as on the date of cessation of operations
Rule 9(2)	Words on other steel scrap materials related to the automobile sector processed at a Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility omitted
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What the amendment changes

Rule	Change
4(6)	Proviso inserted: sub-rule (6) comes into operation only upon permanent cessation of operations by the producers and does not apply to producers that continue to operate
4(6)	Second proviso inserted: at cessation, the producer informs the Central Board about vehicles introduced in the preceding 15 years (transport vehicles) or 20 years (non-transport vehicles), in the Board's format; the Board determines and informs its EPR obligations as on the date of cessation
9(2)	Words "or other steel scrap materials related to automobile sector processed at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility" omitted

The notification (Amendment Rules) (PDF, 540 KB)

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