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G.S.R. 911(E) puts E100 beside E85 in five rule 115 emission tables, swaps B10 for B100 and (E) for E20, and adds a note on flex-fuel vehicles.

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Seven changes are to fuel entries in TABLE 2 of sub-rules (18), (19), (20) and (22) of rule 115. In five places, "(E85)" becomes "(E85) or (E100)". In sub-rules (18)(i), (18)(ii), (19)(i) and (22) the change is in row 5; in sub-rule (20) it's in the heading of column (10). In sub-rule (18)(i), row 5 of column (15) changes from "(B10)" to "(B100)". The "Gasoline" column heading there changes from "[(E10)/(E)]" to "[(E10)/(E20)]". A new note after TABLE 2 in sub-rule (19)(i) reads: "E85 or E100 shall be used in the vehicles designed by the original equipment manufacturers as Flex-fuel vehicles." In rule 115E(4), clause (xii) of the Notes now refers to "Annexure SA for E100 vehicles" in place of "Annexure S".

The rest change headings, notes, units and figures. In sub-rule (18)(i), the weight in the TABLE 2 heading, after "gross weight not exceeding", changes from 3000 kg to 3500 kg. In the column (7) heading, "(Hydrogen+CN)" after "HCNG" becomes "(Hydrogen+CNG)". The Notes drop "(as specified by the manufacturer)" after "Gasoline fuels E10" in paragraph 4(d), and put "Comparison" for "Compression" in paragraph 17(i). In sub-rule (18)(ii), two column headings of Table 1 in paragraph 11(i) of the Notes change their superscripts: $NMHC^{1}$ to $NMHC^{2}$ and $CH_4{}^{1}$ to $CH_4{}^{2}$. In the table in paragraph 13, "Mg/kWh" becomes "mg/kWh" in row 1, and the entry in row 2, column (4) changes from 60 to 600.

The rules name no vehicle category. The only vehicles they describe are "Flex-fuel vehicles", in the new note, and "E100 vehicles", in rule 115E. They point to each change only by sub-rule, clause, table, column and row, and the only weight they set is the 3500 kg in the TABLE 2 heading of sub-rule (18)(i). Apart from the fuel entries, the only figure they change in a table's entries is 60 to 600, and they don't say what it measures. They set no new dates for any vehicle and say nothing about imported vehicles.

Compared with the draft, the final rules put four of the E100 entries and the B100 entry in row 5 rather than in the column headings, and add the flex-fuel note. The draft calls row 2 of the paragraph 13 table "WNTE". In the Hindi text, item (4) points to row 5 of column (11) in sub-rule (20), not to the heading of column (10). The note on the principal rules leaves the last amendment's number and date blank.

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Amends	Rule 115, sub-rules (18), (19), (20) and (22), and rule 115E, sub-rule (4), Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989
Applies to	The tables and notes it amends; it names no vehicle category
E100	"(E85)" becomes "(E85) or (E100)" in TABLE 2 of sub-rules (18)(i), (18)(ii), (19)(i), (20) and (22)
B100	"(B10)" becomes "(B100)" in row 5 of column (15), TABLE 2, sub-rule (18)(i)
E20	The "Gasoline" column heading in TABLE 2, sub-rule (18)(i), becomes "[(E10)/(E20)]" in place of "[(E10)/(E)]"
Flex-fuel note	Inserted after TABLE 2, sub-rule (19)(i): "E85 or E100 shall be used in the vehicles designed by the original equipment manufacturers as Flex-fuel vehicles."
Weight in TABLE 2 heading	3500 kg in place of 3000 kg, sub-rule (18)(i)
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What G.S.R. 911(E) changes in rules 115 and 115E

Where	Before	After
Rule 115(18)(i), TABLE 2, heading, after "gross weight not exceeding"	3000 kg	3500 kg

Rule 115(18)(i), TABLE 2, column (7) heading, after "HCNG"	(Hydrogen+CN)	(Hydrogen+CNG)
Rule 115(18)(i), TABLE 2, column (8) heading, after "Gasoline"	[(E10)/(E)]	[(E10)/(E20)]
Rule 115(18)(i), TABLE 2, column (11), row 5	(E85)	(E85) or (E100)
Rule 115(18)(i), TABLE 2, column (15), row 5	(B10)	(B100)
Rule 115(18)(i), Notes under TABLE 2, paragraph 4(d), after "Gasoline fuels E10"	(as specified by the manufacturer)	Omitted
Rule 115(18)(i), Notes under TABLE 2, paragraph 17(i)	Compression	Comparison
Rule 115(18)(ii), TABLE 2, column (8), row 5	(E85)	(E85) or (E100)
Rule 115(18)(ii), Notes, paragraph 11(i), Table 1, column (4) heading	NMHC[1]	NMHC[2]
Rule 115(18)(ii), Notes, paragraph 11(i), Table 1, column (5) heading	CH_4[1]	CH_4[2]
Rule 115(18)(ii), Notes, paragraph 13 table, row 1, columns (2) to (5)	Mg/kWh	mg/kWh
Rule 115(18)(ii), Notes, paragraph 13 table, row 2, column (4)	60	600
Rule 115(19)(i), TABLE 2, column (11), row 5	(E85)	(E85) or (E100)
Rule 115(19)(i), after TABLE 2	None	Explanatory Notes: (1) E85 or E100 shall be used in the vehicles designed by the original equipment manufacturers as Flex-fuel vehicles.
Rule 115(20), TABLE 2, column (10) heading	(E85)	(E85) or (E100)
Rule 115(22), TABLE 2, column (11), row 5	(E85)	(E85) or (E100)
Rule 115E(4), Notes, clause (xii)	Annexure S for E100 vehicles	Annexure SA for E100 vehicles

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