AMENDMENT

MoEFCC omits brine sludge from Schedule I of the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules, 2016

G.S.R. 636(E) omits entry 16.3, Brine sludge, under Production of caustic soda and chlorine in Schedule I of the Hazardous and Other Wastes Rules, 2016.

G.S.R. 636(E), A NOTIFICATION OF the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated July 16, 2026, makes the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Amendment Rules, 2026. In Schedule I of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016, in the Table against S.No. 16, under the heading "Processes" in column (2), "Production of caustic soda and chlorine", the entry "16.3 Brine sludge" in column (3) is omitted. The rules come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

THE CHANGE

The entry "16.3 Brine sludge" is omitted.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Amendment

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G.S.R. 636(E)

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July 16, 2026

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REFERENCES

G.S.R. 636(E)

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The notification states that the Central Government is of the opinion that it is in the public interest to dispense with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 for amending the rules. It is made under sections 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5; no draft was published first.

The Note records the principal rules as G.S.R. 395(E) of April 4, 2016, last amended by G.S.R. 438(E) of July 1, 2025. The notification (F. No. 23/151/2022-HSM) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), No. 577, dated July 16, 2026; the e-Gazette put it online on July 20, 2026.

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Rule	Hazardous wastes
Type	Amendment
Amends	Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016
Products	Brine sludge
Before	In Schedule I, in the Table against S.No. 16, under the heading "Processes" in column (2), "Production of caustic soda and chlorine", column (3) carries the entry "16.3 Brine sludge".
After	The entry "16.3 Brine sludge" is omitted.

Applies from	On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed
Conditions	Made after the Central Government, of the opinion that it is in the public interest, dispensed with the requirement of notice under clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986; no draft was published first.
Applies to	The process "Production of caustic soda and chlorine" at S.No. 16 of Schedule I of the Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016.
Issued under	Sections 6, 8 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with sub-rule (4) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986
Signed by	UDAY CHAUDHARY, Jt. Secy.

The notification, entry by entry

Entry	Before	After
Schedule I, Table, S.No. 16, Production of caustic soda and chlorine, column (3)	16.3 Brine sludge	Omitted

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