DRAFT AMENDMENT

MoEFCC proposes a recycled steel obligation and EPR for other wastes from end-of-life vehicles

Draft S.O. 1619(E) of March 27, 2026 would amend the End-of-Life Vehicles Rules, 2025: 10 percent recycled steel, insurer duties and new steel EPR targets.

S.O. 1619(E), A NOTIFICATION OF the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated March 27, 2026, publishes draft amendments to the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025 (S.O. 98(E) of January 6, 2025), to be called the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Amendment Rules, 2026. The notice says requests were received from various stakeholders regarding implementation of the rules. The draft rules would come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

THE CHANGE

Draft amendments to rules 3, 4, 9, 12 and 14, the Schedule and Form 1 of the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025, with new rules 8A, 8B and 9A and a new Form 9.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Draft amendment

S.O. NUMBER
S.O. 1619(E)

DATED
March 27, 2026

APPLIES FROM
Proposed: on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2) of the draft)

REFERENCES

S.O. 1619(E)

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The notice says the draft amendments will be taken into consideration after expiry of a period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, and invites objections or suggestions within 60 days from that date, by post to the Secretary of the Ministry or by email to sohsmd-mef@gov.in. The Gazette was issued and put online on March 27, 2026; counted from that day, the period ended on May 26, 2026. This closing date is worked out, not printed.

Producers would fulfill Extended Producer Responsibility obligations for the categories of waste generated from end-of-life vehicles, "including steel scrap, used oil, waste tyres, waste batteries, e-waste and plastic waste", under these rules or the respective waste management rules. A category other than steel scrap is not the producer's where another producer or entity is responsible for it; where obligations under the respective rules are not fulfilled, the producer procures certificates under these rules. Producers would report this in a substituted Form 1, and declare the vehicles they introduced from Financial Year 2005-06 to Financial Year 2024-25, with the weight of the steel, "tyres", oil, electrical and electronic products, batteries and plastic in them, by June 30, 2026 in a new Form 9.

A new rule 9A would require a minimum of 10 percent recycled steel out of the total weight of steel, excluding the weight of fuel, in all new vehicles, in every period from 2026-27 onward. New rules 8A and 8B would require insurance companies or insurers to register on the portal and deposit end-of-life vehicles at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities or designated Collection Centres, and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India to prescribe and enforce those responsibilities in its regulations.

The Schedule's steel targets would be substituted. For non-transport vehicles, the minimum is 8% of the steel used in vehicles twenty years earlier for 2025-26 to 2029-30, rising to 13%, 18%, 50% and 60%, and 70% of the steel used in vehicles 20 years ago from 2055-56. For transport vehicles, it is 8% of the steel used fifteen years earlier for 2025-26 to 2029-30, rising to 13%, 18%, 55% and 65%, and 75% of the steel used in vehicles 15 years ago from 2050-51. In both tables, 30% of any year's target may be carried forward to the subsequent four years.

The draft (F. No. HSM-23/55/2021-HSM-Part(1)) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), No. 1554, dated March 27, 2026.

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Dated	March 27, 2026
Gazette ID	CG-DL-E-27032026-271354
Rule	End-of-life vehicles
Type	Draft amendment
Would amend	Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025
Products	End-of-life vehicles, Steel scrap
What it does	Draft amendments to rules 3, 4, 9, 12 and 14, the Schedule and Form 1 of the Environment Protection (End-of-Life Vehicles) Rules, 2025, with new rules 8A, 8B and 9A and a new Form 9.
Applies from	Proposed: on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2) of the draft)
Comments	• Closing date May 25, 2026, as MoEFCC states. MoEFCC's What's New lists it for comment from March 27, 2026 • Closing date May 26, 2026, worked out: 60 days from the Gazette of March 27, 2026
Conditions	• Objections or suggestions within the period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notification in the Gazette (the notice's words), to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi 110003, or by email to sohsmd-mef@gov.in. • Closing date, worked out (not printed): May 26, 2026, counted from March 27, 2026, the Gazette's issue date and the day it was put online. • Producers would declare vehicles introduced from Financial Year 2005-06 to Financial Year 2024-25, with the "quantity (in weight) of steel, tyres, oil, electrical and electronic products, batteries and plastic used in the vehicles", by June 30, 2026, in Form 9 (proposed rule 4(1)(viii)).
Applies to	Producers of vehicles, insurance companies or insurers undertaking insurance of vehicles, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, bulk consumers, and recyclers generating

	Extended Producer Responsibility certificates for wastes from end-of-life vehicles.
Issued under	Sub-section (1) and clauses (v), (vii) and (xiv) of sub-section (2) of section 3, section 6, section 8 and section 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) read with rule (5) of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986
Signed by	NEELESH KUMAR SAH, Jt. Secy.

The notification, entry by entry

Entry	Text
Rule 3(1), new clause (zc)	"waste management rules" means Extended Producer Responsibility rules for environmentally sound management of wastes notified under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
Rule 4(1), clause (viii), substituted	Producers declare the details of vehicles, with the "quantity (in weight) of steel, tyres, oil, electrical and electronic products, batteries and plastic used in the vehicles", introduced in the domestic market from Financial Year 2005-06 to Financial Year 2024-25, by June 30, 2026, on the Extended Producer Responsibility portal in Form 9.
Rule 4(1), new clause (xii)	Fulfill the obligation with respect to the minimum use of recycled steel out of the total weight of steel.
Rule 4, new sub-rules (8) to (10)	Producers fulfill Extended Producer Responsibility obligations for the categories of waste generated from end-of-life vehicles, "including steel scrap, used oil, waste tyres, waste batteries, e-waste and plastic waste", under these rules or the respective waste management rules. A category other than steel scrap is not the producer's where another producer or entity is responsible for it; where obligations under the respective rules are not fulfilled, the producer procures certificates under these rules. Producers report the responsible entities and compliance in Form 1.
New rule 8A: Responsibilities of insurance company/ insurer	Insurers undertaking insurance of vehicles register on the portal with the State Board, deposit end-of-life vehicles at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities or designated Collection Centres, and upload the details.
New rule 8B: Responsibilities of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India	Prescribes and enforces, in its regulations, the responsibilities of insurers for environmentally sound management of end-of-life vehicles, including scrapping at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facilities.
Rule 9(2) and new sub-rule (2)(A)	The words "or other steel scrap materials related to automobile sector processed at Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility" are omitted; recyclers generate certificates under these rules for "used oil, tyre waste, battery waste, e-waste, and plastic waste" from end-of-life vehicles where they are not generated under the respective rules.

New rule 9A: Use of recycled content	Minimum use of recycled steel out of the total weight of steel, excluding the weight of fuel, in new vehicles: All Vehicles, 10 percent in each period, 2026-27 to 2028-29, 2029-30 to 2031-32, 2032-33 to 2034-35 and 2035-36 onwards. A producer buying steel auto parts furnishes certificates from the parts manufacturers.
Rules 12(17) and 14(1)	In rule 12(17), bulk consumers, insurance companies or insurers undertaking insurance of vehicles and any other entity required to be registered are added beside Registered Vehicle Scrapping facilities; in rule 14(1), insurance companies or insurers are added beside Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility and bulk consumer.
Schedule, clause 7, table (i): non-transport vehicles, substituted	Minimum 8% of the steel used in vehicles in 2005-06 to 2009-10 for 2025-26 to 2029-30; 13% for 2030-31 to 2034-35; 18% for 2035-36 to 2044-45; 50% for 2045-46 to 2049-50; 60% for 2050-51 to 2054-55; from 2055-56, 70% of the steel used in vehicles 20 years ago. The row between 2032-33 and 2034-35 is printed "2023-34". 30% of any year's target may be carried forward to the subsequent four years.
Schedule, clause 7, table (ii): transport vehicles, substituted	Minimum 8% of the steel used in vehicles in 2010-11 to 2014-15 for 2025-26 to 2029-30; 13% for 2030-31 to 2034-35; 18% for 2035-36 to 2039-40; 55% for 2040-41 to 2044-45; 65% for 2045-46 to 2049-50; from 2050-51, 75% of the steel used in vehicles 15 years ago. The row between 2032-33 and 2034-35 is printed "2023-34". 30% of any year's target may be carried forward to the subsequent four years.
Form 1, substituted	Annual return by the producer: vehicles placed in the market by type with the weight of their components (steel, plastic, "tyres", oil, electrical and electronic products, batteries), compliance by waste category, and other steel scrap generated during manufacturing.
New Form 9	Declaration by the producer of vehicles placed in the domestic market, with the weight of their components, and of any other producer liable for each category of waste; details from FY 2005-06 to FY 2025-26.

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