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Subject: Standard Operational Procedure for issuing Environmental Clearance Certificate by the Department of Environment with a view to providing One Stop Service(OSS)of Bangladesh Economic Zone Authority (BEZA).

1. The Government proclaimed The Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, in 1995 to save the environment, environmental quality improvement and control & mitigation of environmental pollution. This law is termed as The Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995 which was reformed later in 2010.
2. For fulfilling the objectives of the Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995, the Government proclaimed Environment Conservation Rules, 1997 in 1997 being empowered by Section 20 of this Act.
3. According to Section 12(1) of Bangladesh Environment Conservation Act, 1995 (Reformed 2010), as per the system of rule from the Director General, no Industrial Organization will be allowed to establish or no project will be allowed to take in any area without environmental clearance certificate.
4. In order to provide environmental clearance in Rule 7 of the Environment Protection Rules 1997, according to the impact on the environment and the location, industrial companies and projects have been divided into the following 04 (four) categories-
 1. Green
 2. Orange-A
 3. Orange-B
 4. RedList of the industrial organizations and projects under the above-mentioned categories has been provided in schedule-1 of Environment Conservation Rules, 1997.
5. There is the rule of providing environmental clearance certificate in case of all types of existing industrial organizations and projects and Green Classes recommended industries and projects.
6. Through the SRO, published in the gazette on 20.05.2008 by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, notification was issued that no Site Clearance will be required in case of proposed industries and projects in the Export Processing Zone (Government/Private) and BSCIC industrial area. So industries/projects of category Green, Orange-A and Orange-B situated within Economic Zone, issuance of only Environmental Clearance Certificate (ECC) will be applicable.

