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Director General

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Dear Shri Bhalla ji,

Subject: Prohibition on Supply of Oxygen for Industrial Purposes – Request to Declare as Force Majeure Condition

Ref: DO letter of Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs and Secretary Ministry of Health, both dated 18th April 2021, to Chief Secretaries of State Governments

Indian Electrical & Electronics Manufacturers' Association (IEEMA), the apex representative Association of Indian electrical industry. IEEMA covers a wide range of electrical, industrial electronics and allied products, encompassing the entire value chain of the sector from power generation, transmission, distribution and downstream to the point of consumption of electricity; thereby covering finished products, parts and components, systems and services.

The acute need of the oxygen across India is fully understood by all of us, in the backdrop of sharp rise in critically impacted covid patients and we as IEEMA fully stand committed to the need of the medical fraternity. IEEMA, on behalf of the Indian electrical equipment industry, whole-heartedly supports the directive of the Government to prohibit supply of oxygen for industrial purpose and route it's supply for medical purposes, which has seen a surge in demand of oxygen to save the precious lives of citizens suffering from Covid.

Though Oxygen has its application in various critical processes during the manufacturing of electrical equipment, it is imperative that manufacturers of electrical equipment hold their operations till the time this demand-supply gap of oxygen is bridged and the situation normalizes.

While many of the industry suppliers are bound by strict delivery schedules of their equipment to various Central and State Power Utilities, the only distress expressed by the industry is not to be able to maintain their delivery schedules, as per contract conditions, due to disruption in supply of oxygen. In view of the same, the industry suppliers are fearful that they might suffer penal provisions for missing their delivery schedules, since no statutory lockdown has been declared by the Government in the entire country.

The industry has already been facing some other disruptions in supply chain of essential raw materials, shortage of labourers and transportation etc. due to creation of containment/ micro containment zones at vendor premises, partial lockdown/ curfew in some parts of the country affecting the movements of goods and people.



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IEEMA requests the Government of India and State Governments to declare this prohibition in the supply of oxygen for industrial purpose as Force Majeure Condition from 18th April till the supply is restored, and advise the purchasers not to put any penal provisions for missing the supply deadlines.

With Best Regards,

Yours sincerely

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**Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla
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Ministry of Home Affairs
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