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Reforms Under PESO

Ease of Doing Business initiatives and achievements

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- 17** Allow mobile dispensing/refuelling units for CNG and LNG to operate across sectors

Approvals and clean-energy frameworks enable investment

Reforms 1 + 2 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 1 Removal of District Magistrate NOC Requirement	Reform 2 Regulatory framework for Green Hydrogen
Earlier Rule	District Magistrate NOC required under GCR, 2016 and SMPV(U), 2016; ensured clearances from Fire, Development Authority, Police, Pollution Control Board, NHAI etc. where public safety/security risks were involved.	GCR/SMPV framework did not comprehensively cover bulk hydrogen, LH ₂ , hydrogen dispensing and associated infrastructure.
Changed	NOC requirement removed under GCR and SMPV(U) Rules.	Hydrogen-specific definitions, standards and provisions under GCR/SMPV Rules: Green Hydrogen, CHG, bulk hydrogen systems, LH ₂ systems, dispensing stations and electrolyser provisions.
What this will benefit and how	Reduces approval timelines, duplication and compliance burden; enables faster LPG, gas-storage and industrial facilities; advances Ease of Doing Business.	Enables hydrogen production, storage, transport and use; facilitates investment, innovation and green-hydrogen infrastructure; promotes Green energy and Ease of doing business.
Effective from	05.06.2026	April–June 2025
Who is benefited	LPG/gas infrastructure developers; industrial gas users; pressure-vessel establishments; project developers; businesses	Green hydrogen producers; storage/transport operators; mobility sector; electrolyser manufacturers; industrial users; investors; technology developers

Longer validity and targeted concessions reduce compliance burden

Reforms 3 + 4 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 3 Extension of Licence Validity from 5 to 10 Years	Reform 4 Fee Concessions for MSMEs, Startups & Women Entrepreneurs
Earlier Rule	Licences generally valid for 5 years; more frequent renewal.	Common/standard fee structure; no specific concessions for these categories.
Changed	Validity extended from 5 to 10 years under Explosives, Ammonium Nitrate and SMPV(U) Rules.	Concessional fees for Micro & Small Enterprises, Startups and Women Entrepreneurs under relevant rules.
What this will benefit and how	Fewer renewals, paperwork and compliance costs; greater continuity and certainty; more focus on risk-based safety oversight.	Lowers regulatory entry/compliance cost; encourages entrepreneurship, innovation and participation of smaller and women-led enterprises.
Effective from	April–June 2025	June 2025
Who is benefited	Explosives licence holders; Ammonium Nitrate units; pressure-vessel establishments; businesses	MSMEs/MSEs; startups; women entrepreneurs

Transparent fees and practical gas-infrastructure siting

Reforms 5 + 6 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 5 Standardisation of Fees of Competent Persons	Reform 6 CNG/CBG – Installation of District Regulating Skids (DRS)
Earlier Rule	Fees charged by Competent Persons was not uniform.	DRS installation constrained by suitable land/space at CNG/CBG stations.
Changed	Uniform fee structure for inspection, testing and certification under SMPV(U) Rules.	DRS permitted at nearby CNG/CBG stations to overcome land constraints.
What this will benefit and how	Transparency and consistency; prevents arbitrary/excessive charges; level playing field; stronger regulatory integrity.	Expands CNG/CBG infrastructure; uninterrupted PNG supply; reduces land-related delays.
Effective from	01.05.2025	25.03.2026
Who is benefited	Licence holders; pressure-vessel manufacturers/users; other regulated establishments	CGD companies; CNG/CBG station operators; PNG consumers

Decentralised LNG and faster CGD approvals expand access

Reforms 7 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 7 LNG in Cryogenic Cylinders for Non-Pipeline Areas
Earlier Rule	Specific LNG cryogenic-cylinder facilitation unavailable; fixed/pipeline dependence; LS-1 premises required regulatory facilitation.
Changed	LNG filling/storage in cryogenic cylinders permitted at licensed premises, including within LS-1 premises, through guidelines.
What this will benefit and how	Decentralised, modular and flexible LNG operations; last-mile supply to non-pipeline/remote areas; reduced pipeline dependence.
Effective from	25.03.2026
Who is benefited	LNG suppliers; CGD entities/companies; industries; consumers in non-pipeline/remote areas

Strategic facilitation and sensitive-item controls strengthen security

Reforms 8+9 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 08 Facilitation of Strategic Imports for Defence & Space	Reform 09 Phase out of Electric Detonators to Electronic Detonators, with Specified Exemptions
Earlier Rule	Specialised cylinders/valves subject to existing approval/licensing requirements.	Electric detonators permitted under existing regulatory framework.
Changed	Simplified procedures/exemptions for specialised cylinders and valves for own use by Defence and Space establishments.	Manufacture, possession and import prohibited; exemptions allowed for manufacturing of low resistance ED for Indian Army. Further it shall not be applicable for suitable detonators for oil well logging operations by oil gas operator companies.
What this will benefit and how	Faster procurement; lower administrative delay for time-sensitive strategic projects; safety requirements retained.	Reduces unauthorised access/misuse; strengthens control over sensitive initiation systems and public/security safety.
Effective from	27.04.2026	01.07.2025
Who is benefited	Defence establishments; Department of Space establishments; eligible PSUs/strategic projects	General public; security personnel; critical infrastructure; Indian Army/oil-well operations covered by exemptions

Integrated licensing and storage rationalisation improve capacity

Reforms 10 + 11 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 10 Combined Licence for Petrol Pumps	Reform 11 Rationalization of Storage Norms
Earlier Rule	Separate licensing/approval for multi-fuel outlets handling petroleum, CNG and LPG.	Storage of gas cylinder and pressure vessel was subjected to prescribed limits on stacking height and the number of cylinders/vessels, that could be grouped together which could constraint the utilization of available storage premises
Changed	NIC-PESO consolidated licensing module developed; UAT completed; module implemented.	GCR/SMPV Rules were amended to permit higher stacking and larger number of cylinders/pressure vessels in a group subjected to safety and separation requirement.
What this will benefit and how	Simplifies multi-fuel licensing; reduces separate applications/processing; supports integrated fuel retailing.	Better existing-space use; operational efficiency; less additional storage infrastructure; safety safeguards maintained.
Effective from	15.06.2026	05.06.2026 – DPIIT portion fully implemented
Who is benefited	Oil marketing companies; petrol-pump dealers; CNG/LPG retailers; multi-fuel outlets	Gas-cylinder storage facilities; pressure-vessel installations; industrial operators

Shared storage and night operations improve asset utilisation

Reforms 12-13 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 12 Shared Warehouse Storage	Reform 13 Night Loading/Unloading Permission
Earlier Rule	Storage premises linked to individual licence holders/users; restricted sharing/leasing.	Separate/additional approval for night loading, unloading or cylinder filling.
Changed	3PL/multiple-user leasing and sharing permitted; liability remains with owner.	Permission integrated with initial licence process through online-module modification.
What this will benefit and how	Fewer separate warehouses; better capacity use; lower logistics/storage costs.	Eliminates separate approval; extended operations; better facility use; reduced administrative delay.
Effective from	05.02.2026	02.04.2026
Who is benefited	3PL/logistics companies; warehouse owners; manufacturers; distributors; multiple storage users	LPG/gas cylinder filling plants; petroleum/gas installations; transporters; licensees

ISO-container reforms enable flexible domestic gas logistics

Reforms 14,15 and 16 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 14 Domestic Movement of ISO Containers	Reform 15 Chassis & Detached ISO Containers	Reform 16 Interchangeable Filling of Compatible Gases
Earlier Rule	Separate transport approvals/licensing for individual ISO containers.	Movement/storage tied to restrictive vehicle/chassis and storage arrangements.	Different gases in one ISO container could require separate approvals/licences.
Changed	SMPV amendments rationalised compressed-gas ISO-container requirements.	Pre-approved compatible chassis/vehicle models; detached ISO containers for parking/storage, subject to safety measures.	Form LS-2 online module allows Liquid Argon and Liquid Nitrogen in one licence, subject to compatibility.
What this will benefit and how	Simplifies domestic multimodal movement; reduces repetitive permissions; efficient combined/flexible transport.	Operational flexibility; less idle time; better ISO-tank, chassis and fleet use.	Avoids repeat licensing/re-certification; increases ISO-container use; operational flexibility.
Effective from	05.06.2026	05.06.2026	11.03.2026
Who is benefited	ISO container operators; gas suppliers; transporters; logistics companies; industrial users	ISO tank operators; gas companies; logistics/transport companies; industrial users	Industrial gas manufacturers/suppliers; ISO tank operators; logistics companies

Allow mobile dispensing/refuelling units for CNG and LNG to operate across sectors

Reforms 17 | Related regulatory theme

FIELD	Reform 17 LNG in Cryogenic Cylinders for Non-Pipeline Areas
Earlier Rule	Mobile Refuelling Units (MRUs) for dispensing CNG/LNG were subject to a regulatory framework that did not clearly provide for their broad, cross-sector operation. The use of mobile refuelling facilities was therefore relatively limited and dependent on the applicable regulatory permissions.
Changed	The regulatory framework under the Gas Cylinders Rules, 2016 has been amended to facilitate Mobile Dispensing / Refuelling Units (MRUs) for CNG/CBG and LNG, enabling their operation across different sectors and applications, subject to prescribed safety requirements.
What this will benefit and how	Greater flexibility in fuel dispensing: Mobile refuelling facilities can serve locations where establishing permanent dispensing infrastructure may be difficult or time-consuming. Reduced infrastructure constraints: Supports temporary, remote and distributed refuelling requirements. Faster deployment: Enables fuel supply/refuelling facilities to be deployed closer to users and project sites. Supports clean-fuel adoption: Facilitates wider availability of CNG/CBG/LNG as transportation and industrial fuels.
Who is benefited	Transport operators and fleet owners, including CNG/CBG vehicle fleets; LNG users and industrial/commercial establishments; fuel suppliers and MRU operators; and remote/project locations requiring mobile refuelling facilities.



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