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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Extension of the Tenure - Constitution of the Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities (Fresh water, Brackish water and Marine Biological Resources) to prepare an inventory of aforesaid biological resources and items derived from such resources for notifying as Normally Traded as Commodities under Section 40 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 as amended in 2023- reg.

Ref: 1. This office order NBA/3/376/CBD Cell/A 167/24-25/25/3111, dt 10.03.2025

2. This office order NBA/3/376/CBD Cell/A 167/25/3192 dt.25.03.2025

3. This office order NBA/3/376/CBD Cell/A 167/25/2384 2 dt.11.12.2025

This is to inform that NBA vide reference (1) & (2) cited above, the Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities (Fresh water, Brackish water and Marine Biological Resources) was constituted, to prepare an inventory of aforesaid biological resources and items derived from such resources for notifying as Normally Traded as Commodities under Section 40 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 as amended in 2023. Subsequently, the tenure of the committee was six months from the date of issuance of the orders vide order dated 25.09.2025 and another six-month extension was issued vide order dated 11.12.2025.

(2) Whereas, the Expert Committee has met once and devised the format for notification of biological resources/items as NTAC, and has also recommended obtaining the species list from the concerned Ministry/Department/State Government. The Expert Committee is yet to examine and finalise the biological resources to be notified as Normally Traded as Commodities.

(3) Whereas, the NBA has reconstituted another Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities covering all biological resources, and the said Committee is dealing with broader mandates, and its recommendations may have a bearing on the activities of the Expert Committee on NTAC (Freshwater, Brackish Water and Marine Biological Resources) as activities-based exemption has been proposed under section 40 of the Act.

(4) In the above circumstances, the **tenure of the Expert Committee on Normally Traded as Commodities (Fresh water, Brackish water and Marine Biological Resources)** is extended upto 10th December, 2026, from the date of issue of this order.

(5). The composition of the committee and other terms and conditions will remain the same. This order is issued in partial modification of O/o no. This office order NBA/3/376/CBD Cell/A 167/25/3192 dt.25.03.2025

This issues with the approval of the Chairman, NBA.



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