

**No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(6)**

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Sub: Guidelines for enlistment under “Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019”: Amendment — reg.**

**Ref:**

- i. MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR dated 28th March, 2019 reg. Guidelines for enlistment under “Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019; and
- ii. Amendment to Guidelines at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR dated 12th June, 2019;
- iii. Amendment to Guidelines at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR(i) dated 06th February, 2020;
- iv. Clarifications to Guidelines at (i) above vide No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR(ii) dated 06th February, 2020;
- v. Amendment to Guidelines at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(1) dated 02nd February, 2021;
- vi. Amendment to Guidelines at (i) above vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/54/2018-GRID SOLAR-Part(6) dated 22nd March, 2023.

W.r.t. the above referred documents from (i) to (vi) regarding Guidelines for enlistment under the “Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (Requirements for Compulsory Registration) Order, 2019” and subsequent amendments & clarifications thereto, it is hereby stated that para 4.3 and 5.14, are reiterated / stand modified as follows:

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<p><b>4.3</b> In case, the applicant has multiple manufacturing sites, or the applicant is sourcing his finished product (cells / modules for which the application has been made) from some other manufacturer(s) and selling the same under his own brand name, in all such cases, all the manufacturing sites including the applicant's own manufacturing site(s), shall be subjected to inspection. However, inspection may not be required, if:</p> <p>i. an ALMM enlisted model of a manufacturer (Brand Owner) is manufactured under co-branding arrangement, in the ALMM enlisted manufacturing facility of another manufacturer [Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)] using the same</p>	<p><b><i>“Remains unchanged”</i></b></p>

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<p>'Manufacturing Process' and 'Bill of Materials';</p> <p><b>OR</b></p> <p>ii. an ALMM enlisted model of a manufacturer (OEM), is manufactured under co-branding arrangement, in the ALMM enlisted manufacturing facility of the said manufacturer (OEM), using the same 'Manufacturing Process' and 'Bill of Materials', but bears 'Brand name' of another ALMM enlisted manufacturer (Brand Owner).</p> <p>The co-branding arrangement mentioned above refers to a form of partnership between two companies to share the manufacturing facilities, wherein the 'Brand Owner' and the 'Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)' execute an 'Agreement' (pertaining to co-branding arrangement, hereinafter referred to as 'Agreement'), vide which the OEM allows the Brand Owner to use its manufacturing facility to manufacture products for the Brand Owner, who gives order to the OEM for a specific capacity. Additional provisions, pertaining specifically to enlistment of co-branded products under ALMM are given at para 5.14 of these Guidelines.</p> <p>The inspection fee, for one site shall be as per para 4.2 above and for each additional site, the inspection fee shall be 50% of that mentioned in para 4.2 above for each site, for all such sites in the same country. In case the additional site(s) are in different countries then the inspection fee for such sites shall be as per para 4.2 above, for each site to be inspected.</p>	
<p><b>5.14</b> Additional provisions, pertaining specifically to enlistment of co-branded products under ALMM:</p> <p><b>I. Application Process and Application Fee</b></p> <p>a) Both the Brand Owner and the OEM must be enlisted in ALMM.</p>	<p><b>5.14</b> Additional provisions, pertaining specifically to enlistment of co-branded products under ALMM:</p> <p><b>I. Application Process and Application Fee</b></p> <p>a) <b>Cases / Categories eligible for enlistment of co-branded products under ALMM:</b></p>

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	<p><b>Case-I: Both the Brand Owner and the OEM are enlisted in ALMM.</b></p> <p><b>Case-II: Brand Owner is not enlisted in ALMM but the OEM is enlisted as solar PV module manufacturer in ALMM; subject to the following conditions:</b></p> <p>(i). The ALMM enlisted co-branded solar PV modules having Brand Owner not separately enlisted in ALMM as OEM, shall be eligible for supply only to Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) Projects of capacity less than 1 MW.</p> <p>(ii). The Brand Owner company should be a company registered in India under the Companies Act, 2013 or subsequent versions thereof.</p> <p>(iii). The Brand Owner company should not have manufacturing facility of solar PV modules anywhere in the world.</p> <p>(iv). The Brand Owner company should have a co-branding agreement/ legal contract with OEM already enlisted in ALMM.</p> <p>(v). Any model getting enlisted in ALMM through such co-branding arrangement wherein Brand Owner is not enlisted in ALMM and the OEM is enlisted in ALMM, will be thoroughly scrutinized with a physical inspection and verification of the manufacturing unit.</p> <p>(vi). The warranties, as may be applicable for solar PV modules, in respect of</p>

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<p></p> <p><b>b)</b> Application shall be submitted by Brand Owner to MNRE along with copy of Agreement between OEM and Brand Owner.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The Agreement should have specific mention of:</p> <p>i. the details of the 'Brand Owner' and the 'OEM',</p> <p>ii. The manufacturing capacity (in MW/ annum) for which the cobranding arrangement has been executed;</p> <p>iii. the date of execution of the Agreement and the date till which the Agreement will be valid;</p> <p><b>d)</b> Brand Owner can apply for co-branding arrangement with different OEMs. In such cases, separate applications need to be submitted by the Brand Owner for each OEM. Each such application should have corresponding Agreement between Brand Owner and OEM, along with application fee.</p> <p><b>e)</b> The applicant Brand Owner will give an undertaking that the name of 'Brand Owner' and 'OEM' and location of manufacturing unit of OEM, where the model has been manufactured, shall be clearly displayed in label of each model.</p> <p><b>f)</b> The application fee will be Rs. 1000/- irrespective of the capacity mentioned in</p>	<p><b>product, power, performance, lifetime, etc. shall be jointly and severally offered by the Brand Owner as well as the OEM. This shall be ensured by explicitly mentioning the same in the co-branding agreement between the Brand Owner and ALMM enlisted OEM.</b></p> <p><b>b)</b> Application shall be submitted by Brand Owner to MNRE along with copy of Agreement between OEM and Brand Owner.</p> <p><b>c)</b> The Agreement should have specific mention of:</p> <p>i. the details of the 'Brand Owner' and the 'OEM';</p> <p>ii. The manufacturing capacity (in MW/ annum) for which the co-branding arrangement has been executed;</p> <p>iii. the date of execution of the Agreement and the date till which the Agreement will be valid;</p> <p><b>d)</b> Brand Owner can apply for co-branding arrangement with different OEMs. In such cases, separate applications need to be submitted by the Brand Owner for each OEM. Each such application should have corresponding Agreement between Brand Owner and OEM, along with application fee.</p> <p><b>e)</b> The applicant Brand Owner will give an undertaking that the name of 'Brand Owner' and 'OEM' and location of manufacturing unit of OEM, where the model has been manufactured, shall be clearly displayed in label of each model.</p> <p><b>f)</b> The application fee will be Rs. 1,000/- irrespective of the capacity mentioned</p>

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<p>the Agreement between OEM and Brand Owner.</p> <p><b>II. Enlistment of co-branded models</b></p> <p>The co-branded models will be enlisted against the brand owner's name, against such existing entry in ALMM List, as would be indicated in its application, as illustrated at Annexure-I.</p> <p><b>III. Validity for ALMM enlistment of co-branded models</b></p> <p>The validity of ALMM enlistment of co-branded models shall expire on the earliest of the following dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>two years</b> from enlistment in ALMM,</li> <li>the date of expiry of the validity of the Agreement between the Brand Owner and OEM;</li> <li>the date of expiry of any ALMM enlisted model of the Brand Owner (applicable only in cases not involving inspection)</li> </ol>	<p>in the Agreement between OEM and Brand Owner.</p> <p><b>II. Enlistment of co-branded models</b></p> <p>The co-branded models will be enlisted against the brand owner's name, against such existing entry in ALMM List, as would be indicated in its application, as illustrated at Annexure-I. However, for cases where Brand Owner is not enlisted in ALMM but the OEM is enlisted as solar PV module manufacturer in ALMM, such co-branded models will be enlisted against Brand Owner by appropriately including its name in ALMM List.</p> <p><b>III. Validity for ALMM enlistment of co-branded models</b></p> <p>The validity of ALMM enlistment of co-branded models shall expire on the earliest of the following dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>four years</b> from enlistment in ALMM,</li> <li>the date of expiry of the validity of the Agreement between the Brand Owner and OEM;</li> <li><b>the date of expiry of validity of ALMM enlistment of the OEM</b></li> <li><b>the date of expiry of validity of ALMM enlistment of the Brand Owner</b></li> </ol>

2. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (NRE).

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