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 Department of Environment and Climate Change  
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 Thimphu

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February 13, 2026

To

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**Subject: Notification on Inclusion of Gliding flight Activity under Green Category**

Dasho/Sir/Madam,

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) is pleased to notify that Sl.No. 97. Airline Services under the Green category of of the Project Categorization 2020 is hereby revised as "Airline services, including gliding activities involving the construction of hangars, associated utilities (such as washrooms, offices, and cafeterias), and access facilities, provided that such activities are not located within 50 meters of any ecologically sensitive areas, including conservation areas, protected areas, schools, hospitals, religious sites, or historical sites, and are limited to non-motorized or electric-only operations" under the "Green Category" in the Project Categorization 2025 and henceforth, exempted from the requirement of obtaining an Environmental Clearance (EC). However, the proponent shall be required to ensure that any waste generated from the above-mentioned activity is managed in line with the Waste Management Act 2009 and Waste Prevention and Management Regulation 2012 (including its 2016 amendments).

This is issued in line with the decision of the 179<sup>th</sup> Environment Assessment and Technical Committee meeting held on February 10, 2026, which is made based on the authority delegated to the DECC by the 42<sup>nd</sup> National Environment Commission meeting to exempt activity with low risk on the environment from the Environment Assessment process.

Sincerely,

(Sonam Tashi)  
 DIRECTOR



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1. Hon'ble Secretary, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MoENR), Thimphu for kind information;
2. Dasho Dzongdags, Chairman, Dzongkhag Environment Committee, All Dzongkhag Administrations for kind information;
3. Executive Secretary, All Thromde Administration for kind information;
4. Director, Department of Industry, MoICE, Thimphu for kind information;
5. Head of Environment Service Section, DoI, MoICE for kind information;
6. Six Regional Offices of Industry, Commerce and Employment (RoICE), for kind information; and
7. Environment Specialist, DECC, MoENR, Thimphu for kind information.

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