



GRIHA Council

“Zero Tolerance Policy on Submission of Forged or Fraudulent Documents”

(Applicable to GRIHA Product Catalogue Registrations)

1. Background & Purpose:

GRIHA Council has observed an increasing number of instances involving the submission of forged, fabricated, misleading and fraudulent documents as part of applications to the GRIHA Product Catalogue registration cum empanelment processes. Such practices undermine the credibility of the GRIHA rating system, compromise transparency and adversely affect the integrity of sustainable building practices in India.

In view of the above, GRIHA Council adopts a “Zero Tolerance Policy” towards the submission of any forged or doctored documentation.

2. Scope of the Policy:

This policy shall apply to, but not be limited to, the submission of forged or manipulated:

- Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs)
- Test Reports and Laboratory Certifications
- Government Approvals, Licenses and Statutory Clearances
- Manufacturing Details, Declarations and Affiliations
- Any supporting Technical or Compliance Documents submitted to GRIHA Council

This policy shall be applicable to all applicants, including MSMEs, private companies, public sector entities and multinational corporations.

3. Zero Tolerance Clause:

GRIHA Council maintains **Zero Tolerance** towards any instance of submission of forged, falsified and deliberately misleading documentation. Any such instance detected at any stage of registration, review, certification or post-certification verification shall attract immediate and strict action as outlined below:

4. Penalties & Financial Implications:

Upon confirmation of submission of forged or fraudulent documents:

- **For MSME entities:**
A penalty of INR 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh only)
- **For Non-MSME / Other Companies:**
A penalty of INR 10,00,000 (Rupees Ten Lakh only)
- **For International Companies (outside India):**
A penalty of USD 10,000 (US Dollars Ten Thousand only)

In all cases:

- The entire registration fee already paid, shall stand forfeited.
- No refunds of any kind shall be applicable.

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5. Debarment & Blacklisting:

- In the event the penalty amount is not remitted within the stipulated timeframe, the concerned company shall be permanently debarred from applying to the GRIHA Product Catalogue or any associated GRIHA programmes in the future.
- The company shall be blacklisted from participation in all GRIHA Council initiatives, certifications and product recognitions.

6. Legal Action:

In addition to financial penalties and debarment:

- The company shall be liable for legal proceedings under applicable Indian laws, including but not limited to fraud, misrepresentation and forgery.
- GRIHA Council reserves the right to initiate civil and/or criminal proceedings, as deemed appropriate.

7. Prohibit on Product Usage in GRIHA-Registered Projects:

- Products associated with forged or fraudulent submissions shall be completely banned from use in all GRIHA-registered and GRIHA-certified projects.
- Such products shall not be eligible for compliance, credits and recognition under any GRIHA rating framework.

8. Public Disclosure & Delisting:

- The concerned company shall be delisted from the GRIHA Product Catalogue.
- Details of the company shall be publicly disclosed on the GRIHA Council website under a designated list of “Delisted / Non-Compliant Entities”, clearly indicating the reason for delisting.
- This disclosure shall serve as an advisory to project proponents, consultants and stakeholders.

9. Right of Verification:

GRIHA Council reserves the right to:

- Independently verify submitted documents with issuing authorities, laboratories and regulatory agencies.
- Conduct Audits, Request Clarifications and Seek Third-Party Validation at any stage of the product lifecycle.

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