

Salient features of the Boilers Bill, 2024

1. Act has been divided into six chapters and provisions have been rearranged chapter wise. (In existing Act there are no chapters and similar provisions are at different places) .
2. Following redundant/obsolete provisions in the Boilers Act,1923 have been **omitted**;
 - (i) **Section 1(2)**: Applicability of Act to the whole of India,
 - (ii) **Section 2A**: Applicability of Act to feed-pipes, and
 - (iii) **Section 2B** : Applicability of Act to Economiser.
3. Following new definitions have been incorporated in the **Clause -2** of the Boilers Bill, 2024: **2(k)** : notification, **2(p)**:regulations, **2(q)**: State Government.
4. Following definitions have been amended in the **Clause -2** of the Boilers Bill, 2024 in line with provisions in the Act: **2(d)**: Boiler component, **2(f)**: Competent Authority, **2(j)**: Inspecting Authority.
5. Decriminalization provisions for the Boilers Act,1923 as contained in the Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, have been incorporated in clauses 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 39 & 42 and two new clauses namely, 35(Adjudication) & 36 (Appeal) have been incorporated in the Boilers Bill, 2024..Accordingly,for non-criminal offences ‘**fine**’ has been converted into ‘**penalty**’ (Clauses : 27, 28, 30(1) and 31).
6. Following provisions have been incorporated in the Bill for making substantive enabling provisions for the rules and regulations existing in the Act: Clauses, 3(7), 5(8), 10(1)(f), 10(2), 11(2), 12(9), 23(4) & 32(2).
7. Power of Central Government to make rules (**clause 39**) ; Power of Board to make regulations(**clause 40**) and Power of State Government to make rules (**clause 42**) in the Bill have been enumerated in detail, in line with different provisions in the Bill.
8. Following new provisions have been incorporated in the Bill:
 - (i) **Clause 43(Power to remove difficulties)** : For removal of any difficulty in giving effect to the provisions of the Boilers Act, 2024 within a period of three years
 - (ii) **Clause 44(Repeal and Saving)** :For saving different rules, regulations , orders etc. under the Boilers Act,1923 till new rules, regulations , orders etc. are notified under the re-enacted Boilers Act, 2024.
9. Redrafting of different clauses done as per current drafting practices and referencing of different provisions incorporated.