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Proposed emission norms unlikely to create headwinds for tractor industry, says Icr

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THE PROPOSED BHARAT Trem IV emission norms for the domestic tractor industry, which will come into force from October 2020, is unlikely to create major headwinds for the sector. This is because the new emission norms will only be applicable to tractors with capacity above 50 horsepower, which accounts for only 13% of industry sales (units).

The rest of the industry (tractors below 50HP) will migrate to new norms from October 2023. The shift to new norms is in line with the broader automobile industry in India, which will be migrating to Bharat Stage VI (BS VI) emission norms from April 2020, said an ICRA analysis on Thursday.

According to sources, in March 2018, Union ministry of road transport and highways released the final rule for non-road Bharat Stage (CEV/Trem) IV and V emission standards, including stringent emission limits on particulate matter (PM), particulate number (PN) (BS V only), nitrogen oxide (NoX), hydrocarbon (HC), and carbon monoxide (CO).

This is the first time India has adopted a set of consistent standards regulating both agricultural and construction equipment.