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PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION: All Manufacturers, Importers, Stockists, Distributors, Sellers and Users of plastic and compostable carrybags are hereby informed that the compliance with following provisions of the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, be ensured forthwith:

- (I) Thickness of **petro-based plastic carry bag/films** shall not be less than **50μ** (Fifty microns) except compostable carry bags;
- (II) Sachets/Pouches used for packing of pan masala, tobacco & gutkha shall not be made of plastic material including VMCH (Venyl Asetate-Maleic Acid-Vinyl Chloride);
- (III) Retailers and the street vendors shall not sell or provide commodities to consumers in plastic carry bags or plastic sheets or multilayered packaging, which are not manufactured and labeled or marked, as prescribed under the Rule.
- (IV) The shopkeepers and street vendors willing to provide plastic carry bags for dispensing any commodity shall register with Local Body. The **Local Body** by notification or on order under their appropriate State statute or byelaws shall make provisions for such registration on payment of plastic waste management fee of minimum rupees forty-eight thousand (Rs. 48,000/-) @ rupees four thousand (Rs. 4,000/-) per month. The concerned Local Body may prescribe higher plastic waste management fee, depending upon sale capacity. The registered shopkeepers shall display at prominent place that plastic carry bags are given on payment;
- (V) Compostable (bio-based) carry bags can be the alternate to petro-based plastic carry bags. The compostable carry bags conforming Indian Standard: IS/ISO: 17088 are permitted, however the provision of thickness criteria is not applicable on them. The manufacturers and sellers of compostable carry bags/films shall obtain certificate from CPCB before marketing and selling of such carry bags/films. For this purpose, the application shall be made to CPCB as per the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), as amended time to time. The SOP is available on CPCB's Website: cpcb.nic.in/Plastic_waste.php.
- (VI) All the unlicensed and unregistered plastic carry bags/films manufacturing units running in residential areas (unapproved area) shall be closed down by the concern District Magistrate/Deputy Commissioners/Municipal Authority/ MSPCB under its jurisdiction.
- (VII) Local Bodies and Town Committees shall ensure that open burning of plastic waste does not take place.

Any person found violating the provisions of the PWM Rules, 2016 shall be liable to be penalized under **Section '15'** of the Environment Protection Act (EPA), 1986 (i.e imprisonment with term up to 5 years with fine which may extend to **Rs. 1.0 lac** or with both, and in case of failure or contravention continues, with additional fine, which may extend to **Rs. 5,000/- everyday**).


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