

PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2021



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Sr. No.	Rule No.	Previous rule/sub-rule	Amended rule/sub-rule	Understanding
1.	Rule 2	These rules shall apply to every waste generator, local body, Gram Panchayat, manufacturer, Importers and producer.	These rules shall apply to every waste generator, local body, Gram Panchayat, manufacturer, Importers, brand owner, plastic waste processor (recycler, co-processor, etc.) and producer.	Rules are also applicable on Brand-owner and Plastic Waste Processing Facility (PWPF)
2.	Rule 3 (na)	Addition of new definitions	(na) “Non-woven plastic bag” means Non-woven plastic bag made up of plastic sheet or web structured fabric of entangled plastic fibers or filaments (and by perforating films) bonded together by mechanical or thermal or chemical means, and the “non-woven fabric” means a flat or tufted porous sheet that is made directly from plastic fibres, molten plastic or plastic films;”	Definition of Non-Woven plastic bag and non-woven fabric introduced

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3.	Rule 3 (qa)	Addition of new definitions	(qa) “Plastic waste processing” means any process by which plastic waste is handled for the purpose of reuse, recycling, co-processing or transformation into new products	Definition of Plastic waste processing introduced. All the units engaged in plastic waste processing will now have to apply under FORM II of PWM Rules, 2016
4.	Rule 3 (va) (vb) (vc)	Addition of new definitions	(va) “Single-use plastic commodity” mean a plastic item intended to be used once for the same purpose before being disposed of or recycled; (vb) “Thermoset plastic” means a plastic which becomes irreversibly rigid when heated and hence cannot be remoulded into desired shape; (vc) “Thermoplastic” means a plastic which softens on heating and can be moulded into desired shape	“Single use plastic commodity, Thermoset plastic, thermoplastic” definition introduced. “Single use plastic commodity” is any plastic item (including plastic packaging and products both) which are used once before it gets generated as waste then sent for disposal.

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5.	Rule 4, sub rule 1	The manufacture, importer stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags, plastic sheets or like, or cover made of plastic sheet and multilayered packaging, shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:-	The manufacture, importer, stocking , distribution, sale and use of carry bags, plastic sheets or like, or cover made of plastic sheet and multilayered packaging, shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:-	
6.	Rule 4, sub rule 1, clause (c)	carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less than fifty microns in thickness.	carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less than seventy five microns in thickness with effect from the 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from the 31st December, 2022.	The thickness of only “Carry Bags” will change. Carry bags do not include bags that constitute or form an integral part of the packaging in which goods are sealed prior to use.

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7.	Rule 4, sub rule 1, clause (h)	The provision of thickness shall not be applicable to carry bags made up of compostable plastic. Carry bags made from compostable plastics shall conform to the Indian Standard: IS 17088:2008 titled as Specifications for Compostable Plastics, as amended from time to time. The manufacturers or seller of compostable plastic carry bags shall obtain a certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board before marketing or selling.	The provision of thickness shall not be applicable to carry bags and commodities made up of compostable plastic. Carry bags and commodities made from compostable plastics shall conform to the Indian Standard: IS 17088:2008 titled as Specifications for Compostable Plastics, as amended from time to time. The manufacturers or seller of compostable plastic carry bags or commodities or both shall obtain a certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board before marketing or selling	Provision of thickness for all the products made of compostable plastic are exempted under the rules. Compostable plastic products manufacturers shall obtain registration from CPCB for the same before marketing or selling.
8.	Rule 4, sub rule 1, clause (j)	Addition of new clause	(j) non-woven plastic carry bag shall not be less than 60 Gram Per Square Meter (GSM) with effect from the 30th September, 2021	Minimum weight of NON woven carry bag is 60 GSM



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9.	Rule 4, sub rule 2	New sub rule is added	<p>(2) The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:-</p> <p>(a) ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;</p> <p>(b) plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.</p>	<p>Only the single use plastic (SUP) mentioned in the list (of any type of plastic material) are prohibited from 01.07.2022.</p> <p>Any other SUPs, which are not mentioned in the list are NOT Prohibited.</p>
10.	Rule 4, sub rule 3	New sub rule is added	<p>The provisions of sub-rule (2) (b) shall not apply to commodities made of compostable plastic.</p>	<p>No prohibition on compostable plastic commodities</p>

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11.	Rule 4, sub rule 4	New sub rule is added	<p>(4) Any notification prohibiting the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags, plastic sheets or like, or cover made of plastic sheets and multilayered packaging and single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities, issued after this notification, shall come into force after the expiry of ten years, from the date of its publication</p>	<p>Any new notification on prohibition of carry bags, plastic sheets or liked, or cover made of plastic sheet and MLP----- will be applicable only after 10 years from its notification.</p>
12.	Rule 5, sub rule 1, clause (d)	<p>The inert from recycling or processing facilities of plastic waste shall be disposed of in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2000 or as amended from time to time.</p>	<p>The inert from recycling or processing facilities of plastic waste shall be disposed of in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 or as amended from time to time.</p>	



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13.	Rule 6, sub rule 2, clause (aa)	New sub rule is added	(aa) ensuring that the provisions of these rules, as amended, are adhered to;	
14.	Rule 7, sub rule 1, clause (aa)	New sub rule is added	“(aa) ensuring that the provisions of these rules, as amended, are adhered to;	
15.	Rule 9, sub rule 1	(1) The producers, within a period of six months from the date of publication of these rules, shall work out modalities for waste collection system based on Extended Producers Responsibility and involving State Urban Development Departments, either individually or collectively, through their own distribution channel or through the local body concerned.	(1) The producers, within a period of six months from the date of publication of these rules, shall work out modalities for waste collection system based on Extended Producers Responsibility and involving State Urban Development Departments, either individually or collectively, through their own distribution channel or through the local body concerned as per guidelines issued under these rules from time to time.	Any guidelines published under these rules for registration/EPR model of PIBOs, shall be complied with.

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16.	Rule 11, sub rule 1,	<p>(1) Each plastic carry bag and multilayered packaging shall have the following information printed in English namely,-</p> <p>(a) name, registration number of the manufacturer and thickness in case of carry bag;</p> <p>(b) name and registration number of the manufacturer in case of multilayered packaging; and</p> <p>(c) name and certificate number [Rule 4(h)] in case of carry bags made from compostable plastic</p>	<p>(1) Each plastic carry bag, plastic packaging and multilayered packaging shall have the following information printed in English namely,-</p> <p>(a) name, registration number of the manufacturer, producer or brand owner and thickness in case of carry bag and plastic packaging used by the brand owner;</p> <p>(b) name and registration number of the manufacturer in case of multilayered packaging excluding multi-layered packaging used for imported goods; and</p> <p>(c) name and certificate number of producer [Rule 4(h)] in case of carry bags made from compostable plastic</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name, registration no. and thickness of packaging shall be mentioned all kind of Carry bags and packaging (excluding MLP) 2. Name, registration no. of the producer shall be printed on MLP 3. Name, registration no. of the Producer in case of carry bags made of compostable plastic

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17.	Rule 12, sub rule 2	The concerned Secretary-in-charge of Urban Development of the State or a Union Territory shall be the authority for enforcement of the provisions of these rules relating to waste management by waste generator, use of plastic carry bags, plastic sheets or like, covers made of plastic sheets and multilayered packaging.	The concerned Secretary-in-charge of Urban Development of the State or a Union Territory shall be the authority for enforcement of the provisions of these rules relating to waste management by waste generator, restriction or prohibition on use of plastic carry bags, plastic sheets or like, covers made of plastic sheets and multilayered packaging.	
18.	Rule 12, sub rule 3	The concerned Gram Panchayat shall be the authority for enforcement of the provisions of these rules relating to waste management by the waste generator, use of plastic carry bags, plastic sheets or like, covers made of plastic sheets and multilayered packaging in the rural area of the State or a Union Territory	The concerned Gram Panchayat shall be the authority for enforcement of the provisions of these rules relating to waste management by the waste generator, restriction or prohibition on use of plastic carry bags, plastic sheets or like, covers made of plastic sheets and multilayered packaging in the rural area of the State or a Union Territory	

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17.	Rule 13, sub rule 1	(1) No person shall manufacture carry bags or recycle plastic bags or multilayered packaging unless the person has obtained a registration from the State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territory concerned, as the case may be, prior to the commencement of production;	(1) No person shall manufacture carry bags or recycle plastic bags or multilayered packaging unless the person has obtained a registration from the State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territory concerned or the Central Pollution Control Board , as the case may be, prior to the commencement of production;	