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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT OF INDIA

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Date: 04.07.2023

To,

The Chairman
All SPCBs/PCCs

Sub: - DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE ENVIRONMENT (PROTECTION) ACT, 1986 to SPCBs/PCCs REGARDING PHYSICAL VERIFICATION OF PWPS REGISTERED ON THE CENTRALIZED EPR PORTAL FOR PLASTIC PACKAGING.

WHEREAS, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, in exercise of the powers conferred under sections 3, 6 & 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Notification No. G.S.R 320 (E) dated March 18, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the MoEF&CC amended PWM Rules 2016 vide Notification No. G.S.R 285 (E) dated March 27, 2018; and

WHEREAS, under Rule 13(2) of PWM Rules, 2016, "Every person recycling or processing waste or proposing to recycle or process plastic waste shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee, for grant of registration or renewal of registration for the recycling unit, in Form II."; and

WHEREAS, Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastic Packaging were notified by MoEF&CC on February 16, 2022 in Schedule – II of 4th amendment of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016; and

WHEREAS, as per section 6.1(a) of the above Guidelines, "The following entities shall register on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board namely: - (i) Producer (P); (ii) Importer (I); (iii) Brand owner (BO); (iv) Plastic Waste Processor engaged in (a) recycling, (b) waste to energy, (c) waste to oil, and (iv) industrial composting"; and

WHEREAS, as per section 10.6 of the EPR Guidelines, The Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners shall file annual returns on the plastic packaging waste collected and processed towards fulfilling obligations under Extended Producer Responsibility with the Central Pollution Control Board or concerned State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee as per pro forma prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board by the 30th June of the next financial year. Information on the reuse and/or recycled content used for packaging purposes will also be provided. The details of the registered recyclers from whom the recycled plastic has been procured will also be provided; and.

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WHEREAS, as per section 11.1 of the EPR Guidelines, *“All plastic waste processors shall have to register with concerned State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committee in accordance with provision 13(3) of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board. Central Pollution Control Board shall lay down uniform procedure for registration within three months of the publication of these guidelines”*; and

WHEREAS, as per section 11.2 of the EPR Guidelines, The Plastic waste processors shall submit annual returns after end of every financial year by 30th April of the next financial year on the quantity of plastic waste processed category-wise as per prescribed pro forma on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board.

WHEREAS, as per section 11.3 of the EPR Guidelines, The total quantity of plastic waste processed by plastic waste processors and attributed to Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners, on an annual basis, will be made available on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board as also on the website of Plastic waste processors.

WHEREAS, as per Section 11.5 of the EPR Guidelines, only plastic waste processors registered under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended, shall provide certificates for plastic waste processing, which shall be considered for fulfilment of Extended Producer Responsibility obligations by Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners; and

WHEREAS, as per Section 15 of the EPR Guidelines, The Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners shall have to provide the details of recycling certificate only from registered recyclers along with the details of quantity sent for end of life disposal, by 30th June of next financial year while filing annual returns on the online portal. The details provided by Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners and registered plastic waste processors will be cross-checked by the online portal; and

WHEREAS, as per information available on centralized EPR portal, there are total of 1976 registered Plastic Waste Processors in the country; and

WHEREAS, as per the SOP developed by CPCB, Physical Verification of the PWP is to be completed by SPCB/PCC within 30 days of grant of Registration. The PWP shall be able to issue certificates to PIBOs post conduction of Audit and validation of its facilities by the SPCB/PCC.

WHEREAS, vide letter dated November 10, 2022 and February 07, 2023 , it was requested that activities related to physical verification of the registered PWPs be expedited by the concerned SPCBs/PCCs.

WHEREAS, vide Directions dated March 10, 2023, CPCB directed all SPCBs/PCCs to complete the physical verification of all registered PWPs in your jurisdiction by

March 15, 2023, so that PWPs shall issue EPR certificates to Producers, Importers & Brand-owners (PIBOs) for fulfillment of their EPR targets within the stipulated time frame.

WHEREAS, vide Directions dated May 11, 2023, CPCB directed all registered PWPs to generate EPR Certificates for sales made in the year 2022-23 on the Centralized Extended Producers Responsibility Portal for Plastic Packaging by June 30, 2023; and **WHEREAS**, vide Sixth Amendment of PWM Rules, 2016 issued by MoEFCC dated April 27, 2023, timeline for filing of Annual Returns by PWPs for the year 2022-23 has been extended till July 13, 2023; and

WHEREAS, vide Directions dated 04 July, 2023, CPCB extended the timeline to generate EPR Certificates by all registered PWPs for sales made in the year 2022-23 on the Centralized Extended Producers Responsibility Portal for Plastic Packaging till July 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as per the information available on the portal, only 1272 out of the 1976 registered PWPs have been physically verified so far by SPCBs/PCCs. State wise details attached at **Annexure-I**.

WHEREAS, only 220 out of the 1272 physically verified PWPs have started generation of EPR certificate on the portal having total generated EPR certificate value ~ 19.5 Lacs tons. Details available on "National Dashboard" of EPR portal under "certificate availability" section.

WHEREAS, 1712 Brand-owners, 2724 Producers and 9528 Importers with a total EPR target of 30.17 Lacs TPA for FY 2022-23 have already been registered on the EPR Portal; and

WHEREAS, aforementioned PIBOs have to obtain EPR Certificates issued by PWPs, for fulfillment of their EPR liability for FY 2022-23 and PWPs are able to generate EPR certificate by 31st July, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE, in view of above and in exercises of the powers vested under Section 5 of EPA, following Directions are issued for compliance:

1. To complete the physical verification of all registered PWPs in your jurisdiction by July 07, 2023, so that PWPs shall issue EPR certificates to PIBOs for fulfillment of their EPR targets within the stipulated time frame.
2. To follow up with the PWPs whose physical verification has been completed within your jurisdiction to generate EPR certificates for sales made in the year 2022-23 within the stipulated time frame.

You are hereby directed to take necessary action for compliance of aforesaid Directions and submit Action taken Report related to completion of Physical verification and no. of industries which have started generating EPR Certificates in your jurisdiction to this office within 10 days after issue of this direction.

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(Tanmay Kumar)
Chairman

Annexure I**PWP Status: Registration, Physical Verification & EPR Certificate Generation**

S.N	State/UT	Total Received	In Process	Not Approved	Registration Issued	% Registration issued	PWP Physical verified	% Physical Verification completed	Certificate generated
1	JHARKHAND	2	2	0	0	0	0	0%	0
2	MEGHALAYA	1	0	0	1	100	0	0%	0
3	NAGALAND	1	1	0	0	0	0	0%	0
4	DNHDD	24	8	3	13	54	2	15%	1
5	GOA	5	1	0	4	80	1	25%	0
6	GUJARAT	630	14	25	591	94	194	33%	0
7	CHHATTISGARH	9	6	0	3	33	1	33%	0
8	KERALA	16	1	4	11	69	5	45%	3
9	TAMIL NADU	115	11	52	52	45	29	56%	7
10	UTTAR PRADESH	93	24	9	60	65	36	60%	19
11	BIHAR	12	0	1	11	92	7	64%	0
12	UTTARAKHAND	99	16	21	62	63	44	71%	12
13	KARNATAKA	153	21	35	97	63	75	77%	18
14	MAHARASHTRA	254	10	18	226	89	177	78%	54
15	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	26	2	8	16	62	13	81%	2
16	MADHYA PRADESH	87	8	3	76	87	62	82%	15
17	WEST BENGAL	17	9	2	6	35	5	83%	3
18	RAJASTHAN	120	2	29	89	74	75	84%	13
19	ASSAM	16	1	1	14	88	12	86%	3
20	HARYANA	69	9	18	42	61	37	88%	5
21	TELANGANA	44	0	2	42	95	37	88%	10
22	DELHI	448	8	60	380	85	340	89%	41
23	PUNJAB	29	2	7	20	69	18	90%	4
24	ANDHRA PRADESH	57	1	1	55	96	50	91%	3
25	HIMACHAL PRADESH	47	5	11	31	66	29	94%	2
26	CHANDIGARH	5	0	1	4	80	4	100%	0
27	ODISHA	4	0	0	4	100	4	100%	0
28	PONDICHERRY	16	0	1	15	94	15	100%	4
	TOTAL	2399	162	312	1925	1939	1272	66%	219