



F. No. CP-20/117/2021-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO-Part(10)

Date: 17-02-2023

To,

**Airline Operators  
(As per list)**

**Sub: - Direction under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to Airlines operators for phasing out of Single Use Plastic (SUP) & obtaining Registration as per EPR Guidelines -Reg.**

**Whereas**, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) notified the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, in exercise of the powers conferred under section 3, 6 & 25 of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Notification No. G.S.R. 320 (E) dated March 27, 2016; and

**Whereas**, MoEF&CC issued Notification, dated August 12, 2021 which mandated banning of identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items with effect from July 01, 2022; and

**Whereas**, as per Rule 4(2) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic (SUP), including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022:

- (a) ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration.
- (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; and

**Whereas**, as per Rules 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) "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 31st December, 2022"; and

**Whereas**, as per Rules 4(d) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "plastic sheet or like, which is not an integral part of multilayered packaging and cover made of plastic sheet used for packaging, wrapping the commodity shall not be less than fifty microns in thickness except as specified by Central Government where the thickness of such plastic sheets impair the functionality of the product";

**Whereas**, as per Rules 4(1)(j) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) "Non-woven plastic carry bag shall not be less than 60 Gram Per Square Meter (GSM) with effect from the 30th September, 2021";

**Whereas**, MoEF&CC notified Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Guidelines for Plastic Packaging in Schedule II of Fourth Amendment to PWM Rules on February 16, 2022; and



**Whereas**, as per Section 4 of the notified EPR Guidelines, brandowners , producers and importers (PIBOs) of plastic packaging are covered under the Extended Producer Responsibility obligations and provisions of the EPR guidelines; and

**Whereas**, as per Section 10.1 of the EPR guidelines, brandowners, producers and importers of plastic packaging have to register on the Centralized EPR Portal developed by CPCB; and

**Whereas**, CPCB has developed online portal <https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in> for registration of PIBOs which was launched by Hon'ble MEF on April 05, 2022; and

**Whereas**, it has been observed that banned SUP items (as per MoEF&CC notification dated August 12, 2021), thin plastic sheets (less than 50 microns thickness), thin plastic bags (less than 120 microns thickness) are continued to be used by various operators in the Airlines sector which is in violation of PWM Rules 2016 (as amended); and

**Whereas**, it has been observed that plastic packaging (more than 50 micron), without obtaining Registration as per notified EPR Guidelines, is used by various operators in the Airlines sector which is in violation of PWM Rules 2016 (as amended);

**Now, therefore**, in compliance of above and in exercise of powers vested under Section 5 of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 to the Chairman, CPCB, following Directions are being issued for compliance:

- i. To ensure that banned SUP items (as per MoEF&CC notification dated August 12, 2021), thin plastic sheets (less than 50 microns thickness), thin plastic bags (less than 120 microns thickness) are not sold/ stocked/ used in any form by your Airline.
- ii. To obtain Registration as a Brand-owner/Producer/Importer (as applicable) under PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) on Centralized EPR portal, if using plastic packaging more than 50 micron thickness in any form.

Necessary action for compliance of aforesaid directions shall be taken and Action Taken Report to be submitted to this office within 15 days of issue of these directions, failing which appropriate action including levying of Environmental Compensation will be taken under the provision of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

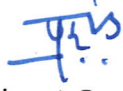

Yours faithfully,

13<sup>th</sup> 17/2  
(Tanmay Kumar)  
Chairman 87

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(Prashant Gargava)  
Member Secretary 

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## LIST OF AIRLINES

S.No.	Name	Address
1.	Air India	M/s. Air India Limited Airlines House, 113 Gurudwara Rakabganj Road, New Delhi, Delhi, 110001
2.	Air India Express	M/s. Air India Express Ltd. Door No. 54/4042 A&B, 5th Floor, Aryabhangy Pinnacle, Sahodaran Ayyappan Road, Elamkulam, Kochi, Kerala 682020
3.	AIX Connect	M/s. AIX Connect Private Limited Ground Floor, Alpha 3 Building Kempegowda International Airport, Devenahalli, Bangalore, Bangalore, Karnataka
4.	Akasa Air	M/s. Akasa Air Urmi Estate, Tower A, 12th Floor 95, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel (W), Mumbai 400013
5.	Go First	M/s. Go Airlines (India) Ltd Terminal 2, Indira Gandhi International Airport New Delhi -110037
6.	IndiGo	M/s. IndiGo Level 1, Tower C, Global Business Park, Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road, Gurgaon – 122 002, Haryana
7.	SpiceJet	M/s. SpiceJet Ltd. 319, Udyog Vihar, Phase IV, Gurgaon – 122016 Haryana
8.	Vistara	M/s. Tata SIA Airlines Limited Intellion Edge, Tower A, 9th and 10th Floor, South Peripheral Road, Sector – 72, Gurugram, Haryana - 122101
9.	Alliance Air	M/s. Alliance Air Aviation Limited Alliance Bhawan, Domestic Terminal-1, I.G.I. Airport, New Delhi 110037
10.	FlyBig	M/s. FlyBig Killa No. 13, 3rd Floor, Begumpur, Khatola, Gurugram - 122001, Haryana
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