



F. No. CP-20/33/2021-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO

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Notice

Subject: "Removal of Difficulties" for implementation of EPR Guidelines for Plastic Packaging

This is in continuation of Notice dated April 03, 2023 issued by CPCB on the subject. This is to inform that additional measures as per details given below have been taken for "removal of difficulties" to facilitate implementation of EPR Guidelines.

1. The producers shall not be required to submit Offsite /Onsite Disaster Management Plan at the time of filing Registration. Instead, Producers shall confirm in the application that adequate Occupational safety / Health and Fire Safety measures" have been provided in their plant. Further additional condition – *"The Unit shall obtain all other statutory clearances/ permissions regarding Occupational Safety, Health & Fire safety and implement necessary measures including Offsite/Onsite Disaster Management Measures as may be mandated by the concerned Authorities under the applicable extant Laws/Rules /Regulations etc."* shall be included in the conditions enumerated in the Registration certificate.
2. Producers shall provide details of manufacturing products other than Plastic Packaging in Section 13 (Any Other Information) of the application. This information shall be referred to by the SPCBs/PCCs/CPCB while processing the application specifically in cases where wide gap is observed in between the plastic raw material consumption and waste generation data. Directions to this effect have been issued to the SPCBs/PCCs.
3. The time slabs in the late fee mechanism have been relaxed for the current year as per details given below:

Current time slabs	New Time slabs
Less than 7 days	Less than 21 days
8-14 Days	22-30 Days
15-21 Days	31-45 Days
22-30 days	46-60 days
Greater than 30 Days	Greater than 60 Days

Further, late fee @ 50% of the existing rates shall be payable (as applicable) till 31.12.2023.

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4. Directions have been issued to all SPCBs/PCCs to set up held desk to address EPR related issues as well as organize training programs for stakeholders

Further, Centralized EPR Portal is being updated to incorporate the following features :

1. Provision for processing application for grant of EPR Registration of Producers on basis of submission of application for grant of Consent to SPCBs/PCCs. Directions to this effect have been issued to SPCBs/PCCs and such provisions shall be valid till October 31, 2023.
2. Simplification of Registration process for MSME producers
3. Accounting of Plastic Packaging sold to unregistered Brand Owners (Large/medium category) by Producers for assessment of EPR obligations
4. Provision for Bulk Uploading of Transaction details by PIBOs
5. Provision for Auto-registration of Importers if total plastic packaging waste generation (Pre+Post) <1 Tons (as per section 7 of the Application form)

The above provisions are likely to be made functional by April 20, 2023.

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