

Dated Guwahati, the 21st March, 2025

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Public Notice

The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, govt. of India has issued the "Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastic Packaging", through the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022 notified vide G.S.R. 133(E) dtd 16th of February, 2022 and amended from time to time.

As per the provisions of the Plastic Waste management Rules, 2016 as amended, the following entities shall register on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board, namely:

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(1) *Producer (P) including micro and small enterprises as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006)*
(2) *Importer (I);*
(3) *Brand owner (BO) other than micro and small enterprises as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006)*
(4) *Plastic Waste Processor engaged in (a) recycling, (b) waste to energy, (c) waste to oil, and (iv) industrial composting;*
(5) *Manufacturers, importers and sellers of plastic raw material;*
(6) *Manufacturers of items made from compostable plastics or biodegradable plastics.*

In this regard public notices regarding requirement of registration through the centralized EPR portal was issued by the Board vide notices dated 18 July 2022, 31 August 2022, 7 September 2022 and 27th of March 2024.

However, it is observed that several obligated entities are still operating without obtaining registration through the centralized portal (<https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in>).

Now, all entities mentioned in para 2, which are operating in the state of Assam and have not yet registered on the above portal are requested to obtain registration within 15th of April, 2025, otherwise necessary action, as deemed fit under the EPA, 1986, including levying of Environmental Compensation and revocation of Consent to Operate, shall be taken against the defaulters,

Signed by
Gokul Bhuyan
Date: 21-03-2025 17:02:10
(G. Bhuyan)
Member Secretary

Copy for information and necessary action to:

1. All Regional Heads, PCBA
2. The AEITO, PCBA – to upload the notice in website.
3. P.A. to the Chairman, PCBA – for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chairman.

(E- Signed)
Member Secretary

ASSAM PCB NOTIFICATION

Directive for Registration on Centralized EPR Portal by **15th April 2025**

*Note: This presentation is prepared by AnantTattva for reference purposes only.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 16th February, 2022

G.S.R. 133(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3, 6, and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, namely: -

1. (1) These rules may be called the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), in rule 9, in sub-rule (1), for the words "as per guidelines issued under these rules from time to time", the words "as per guidelines specified in SCHEDULE – II" shall substituted.
3. In the said rules, after SCHEDULE – I, the following Schedule shall be inserted namely:-

*SCHEDULE-II

[See Rule 9 (1)]

Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastic Packaging

1. Background:

(1.1) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), (hereinafter referred to as "The Ministry"), notified the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 on 18th March, 2016. The Ministry also notified the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016 on 8th April, 2016. As plastic waste is part of solid waste, therefore, both the rules apply to managing plastic waste in the country.

(1.2) The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, mandate the generators of plastic waste to take steps to minimize generation of plastic waste, not to litter the plastic waste, ensure segregated storage of waste at source and hand over segregated waste in accordance with rules. The rules also mandate the responsibilities of local bodies, gram panchayats, waste generators, retailers and street vendors to manage plastic waste. (1.3) The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 cast Extended Producer Responsibility on Producer, Importer, and Brand Owner. Extended Producer Responsibility shall be applicable to both pre-consumer and post-consumer plastic packaging waste.

(1.4) These guidelines provides framework for implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility. The Guidelines provide the roles and responsibilities of Producers, Importers, Brand Owners, Central Pollution Control Board, State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committees, recyclers and waste processors for effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility. The definitions given in Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, apply until, specifically mentioned in these guidelines;

2. Date of Coming into Effect:

These guidelines shall come into force with immediate effect. The on-going processes related to Extended Producer Responsibility obligations will be aligned with these guidelines.

3. Definitions:

(a) "Biodegradable plastics" means that plastics, other than compostable plastics, which undergoes complete degradation by biological processes under ambient environment (terrestrial or in water) conditions, in specified time periods, without leaving any micro plastics, or visible, distinguishable or toxic residue, which have adverse environment impacts, adhering to laid down standards of Bureau of Indian Standards and certified by Central Pollution Control Board.

(b) "Brand Owner" means a person or company who sells any commodity under a registered brand label or trade mark;

(c) "Carry Bags" (covered under Category II of plastic packaging -- Clause (5.1) (II)) means bags made from plastic material or compostable plastic material, used for the purpose of carrying or dispensing commodities which have a self-carrying feature but do not include bags that constitute or form an integral part of the packaging in which goods are sealed prior to use ;

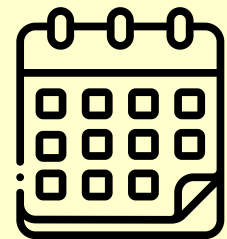
(d) "End of Life disposal" means using plastic waste for generation of energy and includes co-processing (e.g. in cement kilns) or waste to oil or for road construction as per Indian Road Congress guidelines, etc;

(e) "Extended Producer Responsibility" means the responsibility of a producer for the environmentally sound management of the product until the end of its life;

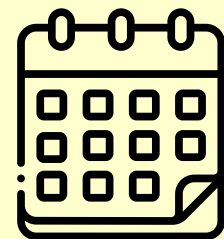
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PREVIOUS PUBLIC NOTICE ISSUED BY PCB

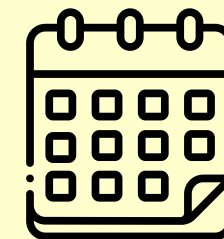
The Pollution Control Board has already issued multiple public notices to inform and remind obligated entities regarding EPR registration:



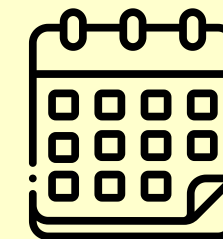
18 July 2022



31 Aug 2022



7 Sept 2022



27 Mar 2024

WHO MUST REGISTER ON PORTAL? [Click here](#) to access portal



Producer including micro and small enterprises as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006)



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(a) recycling,
(b) waste to energy
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(iv) industrial composting



Importer



Manufacturers, importers
and **sellers** of plastic raw
material



Brand owner other than micro and small enterprises as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (27 of 2006)



Manufacturers of items made
from **compostable plastics** or
biodegradable plastics

COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS



Deadline for Registration:
15th April 2025



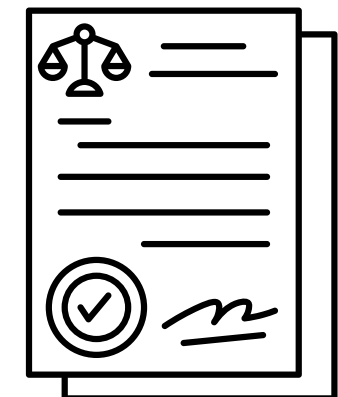
ACTION FOR NON COMPLIANCE



**Environmental
Compensation**



**Revocation
of CTO**



**Legal action under
the Environment
(Protection) Act, 1986**

Disclosure:

As per the public notice issued by the Assam Pollution Control Board, the deadline for EPR registration was 15th April 2025. While the deadline has passed, we strongly recommend that all obligated entities take immediate steps toward compliance to avoid enforcement actions and ensure regulatory alignment.

**Need Help with Compliance & EPR
Registration? We are here to help you out!**



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