

Notice for Prohibiting Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale & Use of Single Use Plastic (SUP) Items

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has issued notification No G.S.R. 571 (E) dated 12th August, 2021 vide which manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single use plastic (SUP) items shall be prohibited with effect from the July 01, 2022.

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 1st 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;

As per Rules 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) "Carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less 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.

This Notice is being issued to inform all Producers, Stockists, Retailers, Shopkeepers, e-commerce Companies, Street Vendors, Commercial Establishments (Malls/ Market place/ Shopping Centres/ Cinema Houses/ Tourist locations/ Schools/ Colleges/ Office Complexes / Hospitals & other Institutions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items as per the timelines specified in the said MoEF&CC Notification. Further, necessary action is to be taken by the concerned entities to ensure zero inventory of the aforementioned SUP items by June 30, 2022.

Action, as deemed fit under Environmental Protection Act, 1986 including seizure of goods, levying of Environmental Compensation, closure of operations of Industries/ Commercial Establishments, shall be taken against the violators of the said Notification.

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