



# Pollution Control Board, Assam

(Department of Environment & Forests, Government of Assam)

অসম প্ৰদূষণ নিয়ন্ত্ৰণ পৰিষদ

(অসম চৰকাৰৰ বন আৰু পৰিৱেশ বিভাগ)

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Lifestyle for Environment

No. WB/T-298/21-22/118

Dated: Guwahati, the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

## NOTICE

**Whereas**, the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 was notified by the Govt. of India vide notification No. GSR 320 (E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 and amended from time to time.

**Whereas**, certain Single Use Plastic commodities including items made of polystyrene such as glass, cup, plate, straw, fork and other cutlery items have prohibited by the Govt. of India vide notification No. GSR 571 (E) dtd 12-08-22 with effect from 01-07-22.

**Whereas**, it has been verified that, no producer has been granted certificate from CPCB till date for manufacturing of biodegradable plastic commodities.

**Whereas**, as per the Rule 4 (h) of the above Rules, the manufacturers or sellers of compostable plastics and biodegradable plastics carry bags or commodities or both have to obtain certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board before marketing or selling biodegradable plastics carry bags or commodities or both.

**Whereas**, vide No. WB/T-298/21-22/113 dtd 04/05/23, PCBA had issued directions to plastic producers in the state to stop manufacturing of Compostable/Biodegradable plastic commodities without obtaining certificate from CPCB.

**Whereas**, it has come to the notice of the Board that single use items branded as biodegradable plastics are available in the market.

Therefore, all the producers are directed once again to stop manufacturing of the following SUP commodities:

1. All single use biodegradable plastic commodities including Oxo-Biodegradable commodities and commodities made by adding additives to conventional plastics.
2. SUP items prohibited as per the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021.
3. Plastic carry bags with thickness less than 120 microns
4. Compostable plastic commodities without certificate from CPCB
5. Plastic sheets/packaging including shrink films with thickness less than 50 microns.

Now, taking note of the repeated violations of the Board's direction, PCBA has decided to initiate the following actions against the violators of directions:

1. Levying of environmental compensation as per Hon'ble NGT approved formula for calculation of the Environmental Compensation (EC) devised by monitoring Committee, CPCB in matter of O.A. 593 of 2017 or Rs. 5000 per ton of prohibited SUP items manufactured from the date of issue of this notice, whichever is higher.
2. For every prohibited SUPs confiscated by the ULBs and PCBA during inspection of markets, the manufacturer of the seized SUPs shall be levied environmental compensation at the rate of Rs. 5000 per ton.

(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)  
Member Secretary

Dated: Guwahati, the 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2023

Memo No WB/T-298/21-22/118-A

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- ✓ 1. All Single Use Plastic manufacturers in the state.
2. P.A to the Chairman, PCBA – for kind appraisal of the Hon'ble Chairman

(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)  
Member Secretary