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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: Compliance with Provisions Relating to Compostable and Biodegradable Plastic Products under the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016 (as amended) - reg.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), vide CPCB letter dated 08.09.2026, has issued directions regarding the enforcement of provisions relating to compostable and biodegradable plastic products under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2026, as amended.

As per Rule 4(ha), of the PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended); manufacture, import, sale or use of compostable or biodegradable plastic products is permitted only after obtaining a valid certificate from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

CPCB has certified 371 manufacturers of compostable plastic carry bags and commodities. However, CPCB has not granted certification to any manufacturer of biodegradable plastic carry bags or commodities under the Plastic Waste Management Rules.

The manufacturers, importers, sellers, e-commerce entities are advised to follow the prescribed CPCB labels, I,e the "Indian Standard: IS/ISO 17088:2021" titled as specifications for Compostable Plastics (4ha) of the PWM Rules,2016(as amended).

The terms "Compostable" and "biodegradable" are distinct and shall not be used interchangeably. Consumers should not be misled by unverified claims or misleading labels such as 100% compostable bags & 100% biodegradable bags.

All manufacturers, Importers, sellers and e-commerce entities in the state dealing with such products are advised to comply with the applicable provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended. False or misleading certification claims may invite appropriate action under the applicable rules.

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