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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment (PWM) Rules, 2021, vide GSR No. 571 (E) on 12th August 2021, in the Gazette of India which mandated banning of identified SUP items and prescribed minimum thickness of carry bag with effect from 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 than seventy five (75) microns in thickness w.e.f. 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness w.e.f. 31st December, 2022.

The State Government vide Notification dated 17th June, 2019 had imposed "Total Ban on all Single Use Plastic in Nagaland" with a view to eradicate the menace of plastic and the serious environmental and ecological challenges posed by rampant use of plastics.

Therefore, in view of above, it is hereby directed to all the stakeholders to comply with the provisions of the Plastic Waste Management Amendment (PWM) Rules, 2021 notified by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change & the State Government Notification.

Sd/-
Member Secretary