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## **Public Notice**

Sub: - Registration of Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners (PIBOs) and Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) on Centralized Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Portal for Plastic Packaging

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), Govt. of India, notified guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Plastic Packaging vide fourth amendment to Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules on February 16, 2022. Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners (PIBOs) and Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) are required to register on centralized EPR Portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to fulfil their EPR liability as per the notified EPR Guidelines.

In pursuance to Guidelines notified by MoEFCC, the PIBOs are required to obtain registration from CPCB if operating in more than two States/UTs and from concerned State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) / Pollution Control Committee (PCC) if operating in one or two States/UTs only. Also, PWPs are required to obtain registration from the concerned SPCBs/PCCs.

The EPR Portal (https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/#/plastic/home) was launched on April 05, 2022. However, it is observed that several PIBOs & PWPs are still operating in Jammu and Kashmir without obtaining registration from CPCB/ JKPCC (as applicable) which is in violation of provisions of PWM Rules 2016 (as amended).

This notice is being issued to inform all the PIBOs & PWPs operating in Jammu and Kashmir to obtain registration from CPCB/JKPCC (as applicable) in accordance with provisions of PWM Rules, 2016. PIBOs & PWPs, who have not yet applied for registration are required to submit registration application complete in all respects on the EPR Portal by April 15, 2024. Guidance Manual and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for registration of PIBOs/PWPs, uploaded on EPR Portal, may be referred to for the purpose.

Necessary action, as deemed appropriate under the Environment (Protection Act), 1986, including levying of Environmental Compensation and closure of operations, shall be taken against defaulters.

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