

**ANDAMAN & NICOBAR POLLUTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**

**NOTICE FOR PROHIBITING PRODUCTION, STOCKING, DISTRIBUTION, SALE & USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC (SUP) ITEMS AND COMPLIANCE OF PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT (AMENDMENT) RULES-2021**

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has issued notification G. S. R No.571 (E) dated 12th August, 2021 as Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules-2021.

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;

Further, as per the A& N Administration vide Notification No.186 dated 05.09.2019, the manufacture, storage, use, import, transportation, distribution and sale of single use plastic items is banned in A&N Islands.

- (a) PET Bottles- Water & Beverages, including alcohol, <2L (Less than 2 litres)
- (b) Plastic Bodied Cigarette Lighters
- (c) Sachets (Shampoo, Conditioners and similar personal care items, Mouth-fresheners, Pickle/Jam/Sauces, Spices, condiments, etc.), <15 mL (or equivalent in weight)
- (d) Single-use, plastic bodied use & throw Pens
- (e) Plastic sheet / Pouches (transparent / coloured / layered) used for packaging of Water, Cooked Food, Gift items, etc. including bubble-Wraps

And as per the A& N Administration vide Notification No.225 dated 24.09.2019, the use, manufacture and sale of plastic carry bags irrespective of its thickness, size, color and nature is banned in A&N Islands.

This Notice is being issued to inform all Producers, Stockiest, Retailers, Shopkeepers, E-commerce Companies, Street Vendors, Commercial Establishments (Malls/ Marketplace/ Shopping Centers/ 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 inventories of the aforementioned SUP items by June 30, 2022.

Selling as well as display/advertisement of Single Use Plastic (SUP) items on all E-Commerce website is also prohibited with effect by June 30, 2022.

Action, as deemed fit under Environment Protection Act, 1986 including seizure of goods, closure of operations of Industries/Commercial Establishments and in case of non-compliance of above Environmental Compensation as per the Guidelines issued by Central Pollution Control Board of Rs.5,000/- per ton shall be levied against the violators of the said Notification.



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