



MAHARASHTRA POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

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NOTICE FOR PROHIBITING PRODUCTION, COMMERCE, STOCKING, DISTRIBUTION, SALE AND USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC ITEMS

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has issued Notification number G.S.R.571(E) dated 12th August 2021, vide which manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identify single use plastic (SUP) items shall be prohibited with effect from July 01, 2022.

Rule 4(2) of Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules 2016 (as amended), the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic (SUP) items 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 (thermocool) for decoration
- (b) Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around the sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns, stirrers.

Moreover, as per Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling and Storage) Notification 2018, following additional SUP items are banned -

1. All types of plastic bags (carry bags) - (with or without handle) irrespective of thickness Compostable plastic (excluding waste and nursery bags)
2. Non-woven carry bags (made of polypropylene)
3. SUP items such as dish, bowl, container etc.

This notice is being issued to inform all producers, stockists, retailers shopkeepers, E-Commerce companies, Street vendors, commercial establishments (malls/market place/shopping centres/cinema houses/tourist locations/schools/colleges/office complexes/hospitals and other institutions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items as per timelines specified in the said MoEF&CC Notification. Further, necessary action to be taken by the concerned entities to ensure zero inventory of the aforementioned SUP items by June 30, 2022.

Action as deemed fit under Environmental Protection Act 1986 including seizure of goods, levying of environmental compensation, closure of operations of industries/commercial establishments, shall be taken against the violators of the said Notification.

Sd/-

Member Secretary

Maharashtra Pollution Control Board

Size : 8 (W) x 15 (H)