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## Public Notice

### FOR PROHIBITING PRODUCTION, STOCKING, DISTRIBUTION, SALE & USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC (SUP) ITEMS.

Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India has notified G.S.R. No. 571(E) dated 12th August, 2021 as Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 & G.S.R. 133(E) as Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2022.

As per Rule 4(2) of PW Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The manufacturer, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic (SUP) including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from 1st July, 2022:

(a) Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic stick 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 Rule 4(1) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "Carry bag and commodities made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than seventy five (75) microns in thickness with effect from the 30th September, 2021 and one hundred twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from the 31st December, 2022."

This Notice is being issued to inform all Producers, Importers, Brand owners, Stockists, Retailers, Shopkeepers, E-Commerce Companies, Street Vendors, Commercial Establishments (Malls/Market Places/Shopping Centres/Cinema Houses/Tourist Locations/Schools/Colleges/Office Complexes/Marriage Houses/Hospitals & other Institutions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified 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 operation of Industries/ Commercial Establishment, shall be taken against the violators of the said Notification.

Member Secretary

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