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Date: 23.10.2024

To,

The Member Secretary
All SPCBs/PCCs

Sub: Advisory for compliance of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016(as amended) during issuance of Tender documents.

It has been brought to CPCB's notice that several tender documents issued by the State / Central level Authorities have technical specifications which are in violation of provisions Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (As amended), specifically those related to Compostable plastics including the following:

Rule 4(1) (c) carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less than seventy five microns in thickness with effect from the 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from the 31st December, 2022;

Rule 4(1) (d) plastic sheet or like, which is not an integral part of multilayered packaging and cover made of plastic sheet used for packaging, wrapping the commodity shall not be less than fifty microns in thickness except as specified by the Central Government where the thickness of such plastic sheets impair the functionality of the product;

Rule 4(1) (h) the provision of thickness under clause (c) shall not apply to carry bags or commodities made from compostable plastic or biodegradable plastics. Carry bags and commodities made from compostable plastics shall conform to the Indian Standard: IS/ISO 17088:2021 titled as Specifications for Compostable Plastics

Rule 4(1) (j) non-woven plastic carry bag shall not be less than 60 Gram Per Square Meter (GSM) with effect from the 30th September, 2021

Rule 4(2) The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single-use plastic, 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,

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invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers.

Rule 4(3) The provisions of sub-rule (2) (b) shall not apply to commodities made of compostable plastic and biodegradable plastics.

In this context, you are requested to take necessary steps, including issuing directives to the relevant State and Central Authorities operating within your jurisdiction, to ensure that the tender documents issued by these authorities comply with the provisions of the PWM Rules. Further, this may be publicised through a General Notice on the SPCB portal and through the print and electronic media for information to private parties.

Additionally, it is also requested to conduct regular surveillance to ensure that compostable plastic products are manufactured only by CPCB certified manufacturers. The list of such manufacturers is available at the following link <http://plastic.cpcb.gov.in/compostable/viewdashboardlist>. Necessary action may further be taken to ensure that the CPCB certified manufacturers comply with the conditions stipulated in the Certificate issued by CPCB, including those related to printing label "**COMPOSTABLE IS/ISO 17088 Certified**" and QR Code based on name, address & Certificate No. issued by CPCB on these compostable commodities.

Yours faithfully,



(Bharat Kumar Sharma)
Member Secretary