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Clarification on use of Compostable Carry Bags and Commodities in U.T. Chandigarh

Chandigarh Administration vide its notification No. ED/2019/1648 dated 27.09.2019 and amendments thereafter vide ED/2020/2818 dt. 30.01.2020 and ED/2020-247 dt. 01.07.2020, has imposed a complete ban on Single Use Plastic items and three items have been placed under Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

In addition, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, GoI, has issued the notification vide G.S.R. 571(E), dated 12.08.2021, which prohibit the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the identified single-use plastic, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities, with effect from the 01.07.2022.

In this regard, it is clearly mentioned in the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 at Sr. No, 4 sub-rule (1) clause (h), which is reproduced as below:

"The provision of thickness shall not be applicable to carry bags made up of compostable plastic. Carry bags made from compostable plastics shall conform to the Indian Standard 17088:2008 titled as Specifications for Compostable Plastics, as amended from time to time. The manufacturers or seller of compostable carry bags or commodities or both shall obtain a certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board before marketing or selling."

Therefore, the above rule stands applicable to Chandigarh Administration notifications of Single Use Plastic ban as mentioned above.


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