

APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC

The Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 as amended in 2018, 2021 and 2022 for the management of plastic waste.

Rule 4 (2) of Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 states as below:

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

Further, the Government of Tamil Nadu has notified the ban on use and throwaway plastics on manufacture, store, supply, transport, sale or distribution of use and throwaway plastics such as Plastic sheet / cling film used for food wrapping, Plastic sheet used for spreading on dining table, Plastic plates, Plastic coated paper plates, Plastic coated paper cups, Plastic tea cups, Plastic tumbler, Thermocol cups, Plastic carry bags of all size & thickness, Plastic coated carry bags, Non-woven Carry Bags, Water pouches / packets, Plastic straw, Plastic flags with effect from 01.01.2019.

Hence all the Plastic manufacturing industries shall take note of the amendment issued by the Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, and the ban imposed by the Government of Tamilnadu and to comply with the Notifications. Rule 12 of the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 specifies the prescribed authorities for enforcement of these Rules. In accordance with the said Rules, any violations noticed, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board will take appropriate action against the manufacturers of the banned plastic items. The local body concerned will take action against the vendors, commercial establishments, malls, kalyana mandapam, etc for import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of banned plastic items.

The details of the banned single use plastic items can be viewed in www.tnpcb.gov.in.

In order to facilitate activities related to effective implementation of SUP ban, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board has set up a Control Room. (Toll Free Number to contact 1800 425 6750). The Control Room will operate from 9.30 am – 6.00 pm on all days till July 31st 2022 and will provide assistance, guidance, clarification and information as may be sought by various stakeholders regarding ban on SUP items.

Chairman
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