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Subject: Mandatory Registration on Common EPR Portal for Entities under the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 - Reg.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has developed the Common Extended Producer Responsibility (CEPR) Portal for Plastic Packaging under the provisions of the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016 (as amended). In pursuance of Clause 6.1 and 6.2 of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Guidelines under the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016 (as amended), the following entities are required to register on the Common EPR Portal developed by CPCB:

- Producers (P) including micro and small enterprises as defined under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, Importers (I) of plastic packaging & raw material, Brand Owners (BO), Manufacturers (M) of plastic raw materials & items made from compostable plastics or biodegradable plastics, Seller (S), and Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) engaged in recycling, waste to energy, waste to oil and industrial composting.
- Entities covered under clause 6.1 shall not carry out any business without registration obtained through the Common EPR Portal.

The CEPR Portal enables registration, transaction reporting, EPR target compliance, and annual return filing. A Guidance Manual has been issued to facilitate registration, certificate generation/transfer, and return filing. The following non-compliances have been observed by CPCB:

1. Certain entities remain unregistered despite their statutory obligations.
2. Transaction (purchase/sale) are being conducted with unregistered entities, in contravention of the Rules.

In view of above, CPCB is strengthening transaction-based reporting mechanism on the Common EPR Portal. Accordingly, the declaration / recording of transactions (purchase/sale) with unregistered entities shall be discontinued on the Common EPR Portal, except in respect of Brand Owners (micro & small) and PWPs related transactions, as applicable.

Therefore, all stakeholders shall ensure immediate registration on the Common EPR Portal, conduct all business transactions relating to plastic packaging / plastic waste strictly in compliance with regulatory requirements while duly reporting them through the Portal and require their unregistered suppliers and buyers to obtain registration immediately to enable continued transaction reporting. Non-compliance with these provisions shall attract action in accordance with the PWM Rules, 2016.


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