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March 20, 2026

Subject: Extension of Annual Return Filing by registered PIBOs for FY 2024-25

1. As per the provisions of EPR Guidelines, the timelines for filing Annual Returns (AR) for FY 2024-25 was 30.06.2025 for registered Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners (PIBOs).
2. Vide CPCBs notice dated 23.12.2025, the timeline for filing ARs for both PIBOs and PWPs had been extended till 31.01.2026.
3. As per clause 12.9 of the EPR Guidelines, "The Central Government may permit filing of annual returns by PIBOs under clause 10.6 and by Plastic Waste Processors under clause 11.2 for a period not exceeding nine months, for reasons to be recorded in writing."
4. In line with the above provision and the Office Memorandum dated 20.03.2026 issued by MoEF&CC, the timeline for filing of Annual Returns for registered PIBOs for 2024-2025, is hereby extended till **March 31, 2026**, as a special case, to remove difficulties and facilitate filing of Annual Returns on the EPR portal for plastic packaging.
5. All PIBOs who have not yet completed the process of filing of Annual Returns for FY 2024-25 are required to file their returns on or before **March 31, 2026**. Failure to comply may attract Environmental Compensation (EC), as per the provisions of the "Guidelines for Assessment of EC to be levied for violations of PWM Rules".
6. Accordingly, all PIBOs are directed to ensure the filing of their Annual Returns on the EPR portal within the stipulated timeline. This notice shall not apply to entities that have already filed their annual returns for FY 2024-25.

This issues with approval from competent authority.

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