



F. No. CP-20/80/2021-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO-Part(1)

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Subject: Notice regarding 'Removal of Difficulties' for shortage of EPR certificates in the recycling category of Cat II & Cat III and implementation of EPR Guidelines for Plastic Packaging – Reg.

1.0 As per Rule 7 (b) of the PWM Rules, 2016, the Producers / Importers / Brand owners (PIBOs) shall ensure minimum level of recycling (excluding end of life disposal) of plastic packaging waste collected under EPR Targets applicable to them from FY 2024-25, onward.

2.0 As per the Rule 15A of the PWM Rules, 2016, titled **“Purchase of extended producer responsibility certificate from different categories”** notified by MoEF&CC vide amendment to PWM Rules dated 30.10.2023:

“(a) The Central Pollution Control Board may allow purchase of extended producer responsibility certificates for those categories where surplus exists over the extended producer responsibility obligation of that category for fulfillment of extended producer responsibility obligation of such category where deficit exists.

(b) In such cases, the Central Pollution Control Board shall prescribe the quantum of extended producer responsibility certificates of the category required to be procured, where surplus exists, for fulfillment of extended producer responsibility obligation of the category where deficit is present, based on the availability and cost of collection, segregation and processing for different categories of plastic packaging waste.”

3.0 Now, CPCB has received representations from multiple registered entities regarding shortage of EPR certificates, in Cat II & Cat III (Recycling) category, due to which PIBOs are facing difficulties in fulfillment of EPR obligations for FY24-25 on the EPR portal.

5.0 The matter has been examined by CPCB and this is to inform that following additional measures have been taken to facilitate implementation of EPR Guidelines:

a) EPR obligations under Cat II / Cat III (Recycling category) can be fulfilled using EPR certificates of Cat II / Cat III [End of Life (EOL) category].

b) The EPR Obligation of 1 T in Cat II / III (Recycling category) can be fulfilled through EPR Certificates of 1.5 T of Cat II / Cat III (EOL category).

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6.0 PIBOs can transfer the EPR certificates in Cat II / Cat III (EOL category) to the Annual Return (AR) section for fulfilling the EPR obligations in Cat II / Cat III category as per details given at point no. 5.0 above.

7.0 PIBOs who have already filed their respective ARs with shortfall in fulfilment of EPR target in Cat II / Cat III (Recycling category) can transfer EPR certificates, as per details at point no. 5.0 & 6.0 above, through the offset option available in the 'credit exchange section' on the EPR portal. He same shall be taken into considered towards fulfilment of EPR obligations in the respective category.

The above provisions are applicable for the period valid till the Annual Return filing of FY 24-25. All registered PIBOs are required to follow the aforementioned for effective implementation of EPR guidelines.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.



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