

Action Taken Report - DPCC meeting held on 17.10.2023 on Agenda item no. 25 i.e. Post facto approval of Plastic Vikalp Mela at Tyagraj Stadium w.e.f. 01.07.2022 to 03.07.2022

SOP for seizure and disposal of non-permissible Plastic Carry bags/sheets/banned SUP items

BACKGROUND

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 on March 27, 2016. As per Rule 4(1) of the amended PWM Rules:

As per there PWM Rules, following are the prohibited activities:

- Carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than One Hundred Twenty (120) microns in thickness w.e.f. 31st December, 2022.
- Non-woven plastic carry bag shall not be less than 60 Gram Per Square Meter (GSM) with effect from the 30th September 2021.
- Plastic sheet or like, which is not an integral part of multi-layered packaging and cover made of plastic sheet used for packaging, wrapping the commodity shall not be less than fifty microns in thickness except as specified by the Central Government where the thickness of such plastic sheets impair the functionality of the product. Central Government shall grant such exemptions on recommendations of CPCB.

As per the amended PWM notification dated 12.08.2021, manufacturing, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the following 19 types of identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities is prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:-

- Ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration; 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.

SEIZURE PROCESS

1. A team of DPCC officials shall take samples of plastic carry bags/

sheets from the premises of the unit during inspection of all PIBOs covered under PWM Rules. All the inspections should be done on online module and the team deputed should be through automated allocation of Engineers.

2. Team shall measure the thickness of all samples and record them in the inspection report and representative piece of samples should be enclosed with the inspection report.
3. In case, plastic carry bags/ sheets/pouches etc found below the permissible thickness or unit engaged in storage/ manufacturing of any banned SUP item, team shall record the quantity of non-permissible/ banned items available in the said premise of unit.
4. Team shall seize all non-permissible Plastic Carry bags/sheets/ / banned SUP items from the unit in the presence of Proprietor/ Partner/ Director / Manager/ representative of the unit available at the premises and seized material shall be transported and if necessary, be kept safely in the separate room at DPCC lab till its disposal at Waste to Energy plant. The entire cost of seizure, loading/unloading, transportation, storage, disposal at Waste to Energy Plant etc. shall be borne by the unit owner/occupier.
5. The team shall take Geotagged photographs and the video recording of the seized sample and entire seizure process of the banned / non-permissible material.
6. A seizure memo shall be issued at the time of inspection.
7. The team shall conduct the inspection along with photography on online inspection module.

DISPOSAL OF SEIZED MATERIAL

8. All the seized non-permissible Plastic Carry bags/sheets/ / banned SUP items shall be disposed of through Waste to Energy Plant.
9. Show cause notice for closure and imposition of EDC shall be issued to the unit for discrepancies observed during the inspection, Directions shall also be issued to unit to deposit the cost of seizure, loading/unloading, transportation, storage till its final disposal of seized material at Waste to Energy Plant.
10. Teams of DPCC officials should submit the following details w.r.t seizure process and disposal of seized material at the Waste to Energy Plant:
 - a. Geotagged photographs of seized material at unit premises.
 - b. Geotagged photographs of seized material at Waste to Energy Plant.
 - c. The quantity of seized material should be authenticated by providing weighing slips of seized material issued by Weighing Machine/Scale (Dharamkanta).