



**Pollution Control Board, Assam**  
**Bamunimaidam, Guwahati-21**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

No. WB/T-298/20-21/40

Dated Guwahati, the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

**Notice for Prohibition of Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale & Use of  
Single Use Plastic (SUP) Items**

Whereas, it is a well-known fact that severe damage is caused to the environment due to extensive use of Single Use Plastics (SUPs) and plastic carry-bags.

Whereas, the Central Government has notified the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021 vide No.G.S.R. 571(E) dtd 12/08/21.

Whereas, as per Rule 4(2) of Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (as amended), "the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following **Single Use Plastic (SUP)**, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from **01<sup>st</sup> 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.**

Whereas as per Rule 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less than seventy five (75) microns and with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and one hundred twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2022".

This notice is being issued to inform all Producers, Stockists, Retailers, Shopkeepers, e-commerce companies, street vendors, commercial Establishments (malls/Market place/ Shopping Centres/ Cinema houses/ Tourist locations / Schools / Colleges / Office Complexes / Hospitals & other intuitions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, Sale & use of identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items as per the said MoEF&CC Notification. Further, necessary action is to be taken by all concerned entities to ensure zero inventories of the aforementioned SUP items before 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2022.

Any violations of the above regulations shall attract penalty as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 including seizure of goods, levying of Environmental compensation and closure of operation as deemed fit.

**(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)**  
**Member Secretary**

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Copy to:

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forests Department, Dispur, Guwahati-06 for kind information.
2. Website, Pollution Control Board, Assam ([www.pcbassam.org](http://www.pcbassam.org)).

**(Shantanu Kr. Dutta)**  
**Member Secretary**