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BAN ON SINGLE USE PLASTIC

<u>Prohibiting Production, Stocking, Distribution, Sale & Use of Single Use Plastics (SUP) items</u>

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of India has notified G.S.R. 571(E) dated 12th August, 2021 vide which manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of identified single use plastic (SUP) items have been prohibited with effect from the 01stJuly,2022.

As per Rule 4(2) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The manufacture, import stocking, distribution, sale and use of following Single Use Plastic (SUP), including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene (thermocol) commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st 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 sweets boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers,

Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar vide its Gazette notification no. 525 dt. 18.06.2021 and 1012 dt. 17.12.2021 imposed a complete ban onmanufacture, import, storage, distribution, sale and use of identified SUPs in the State of Bihar with effect from 01st July, 2022, as envisaged in the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2016.

Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Govt. of Bihar vide its Gazette notification no. 943 dt. 24.10.2018 & 1043 dt. 11.12.2018 imposed a complete ban on manufacture, import, storage, distribution, sale, transportation or use of any kind of plastic carry bags (irrespective of their size and thickness) including Non-Woven Carry Bags in the State with effect from 10.02.2019.

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 Institutions) and general public to stop production, stocking, distribution, sale and usage of identified SUP items as per the timelines specified above.

Further, necessary action is to be taken by the concerned entities to ensure Zero Inventory of the aforementioned SUP items by 30thJune, 2022.

Action, as deemed fit under Environmental Protection Act, 1986 including seizure of goods, levying of Environmental Compensation, closure of operations of Industries/Commercial Establishments, shall be taken against the violators of the said Notification.