



ਪੰਜਾਬ ਪ੍ਰਦੂਸ਼ਣ ਰੋਕਥਾਮ ਬੋਰਡ
PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD



No.399.....
Date25/9/24

Office Order

The Government of Punjab has enacted the Punjab Plastic Carry Bags (Manufacture, Usage and Disposal) Control (Amendment) Act, 2016 whereby the manufacturing, stocking, distribution, recycling, sale and use of Plastic Carry Bags made of virgin or recycled plastics and plastic items having one time use has been completely prohibited in the State of Punjab, with effect from the 1st February, 2016;

Whereas, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Government of India vide notification no. G.S.R. 571 (E) dated 12th August, 2021 thereby prohibiting the manufacture, Import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the following identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items with effect from the July 1, 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 Poly Vinyl Chloride (PVC) banners less than 100 microns, stirrers;**

And whereas, the Department of Local Government and Department Rural Development & Panchayat, Govt. of Punjab had issued notifications dated 15-07-2022 and 11-10-2022 respectively thereby imposing a complete ban on the identified Single Use Plastic (SUP) items in their respective jurisdictions in the State of Punjab;

And whereas, the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) being the prescribed Regulatory Authority under the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 & Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 regulates the manufacturing of banned items mentioned and described herein above;

And whereas, to ensure the effective implementation of the ban through public involvement, it has been decided by the PPCB to provide financial reward of Rs. 5,000/- in such cases where credible information results in identification of a manufacturing unit producing the banned plastic items. The reward shall be given for such information on a first come basis to ensure that reward is disbursed only once for a unit. A copy of the scheme formulated for reward is enclosed herewith. The scheme may be given publicity;

And whereas, on receiving information, the Regional Officer of the Punjab Pollution Control Board shall verify the facts of the information, within 02 days and in case of violation, shall seal the machinery used for manufacturing banned plastic items on the spot, initiate action for the closure of the manufacturing unit by invoking the provisions of Section 33-A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31-A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 as well as imposition of Environmental Compensation as per the guidelines issued by the CPCB in the month of September, 2022.

And whereas, the expenditure for the reward may be met from the

Imprest issued to the Regional Offices of the Board and be shown as an expenditure net-out for the Protection and Preservation of the Environment.

Encl: As above


Member Secretary

Endst. No.HQ-3/2024 24115-22 **Through E-mail**

Date 25/9/24

A copy of the above is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:

1. PS to Chairman & PA to Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala.
2. The Chief Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Chief Office, Jalandhar/Ludhiana/Bathinda/Patiala/HQ.
3. The Senior Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Zonal Office, Patiala-1/2/ Ludhiana-1/2/ Jalandhar/ Amritsar/ Bathinda/ HQ-1/2/3.
4. The Environmental Engineer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Regional Office- Patiala, Ludhiana - 1/2/3/4, Jalandhar-1/2, Amritsar, Bathinda, Sangrur, Faridkot, Fatehgarh Sahib, Hoshiarpur, Batala, Ropar, Mohali, Moga, Muktsar, Tarn Taran/HQ-1/HQ-2/HQ-3/HWM/Mega/PBIP, Chandigarh.
5. The Scientific Officer (Air/Water), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
6. The Environmental Engineer (Computer), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala with a request to upload the office order on the website of the Board for information of the public.
7. The Deputy Controller (F&A), Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.
8. The Administrative Officer, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Head Office, Patiala.


Senior Environmental Engineer (HQ-3)