

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

15th floor, New Administrative Building, Madam Cama Road, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032
dated the 11th April 2018.

NOTIFICATION

No. Plastic-2018/C.R.No. 24/TC-4.—WHEREAS, under the Maharashtra Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 2006, for regulating manufacture, usage, sale, storage, transport of the products made from plastic and thermocol etc., the Government of Maharashtra on 23rd March 2018 published the Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling and Storage) Notification, 2018 ;

AND WHEREAS, as per the para 8 of the said notification, for implementation of these regulations and help in resolving any difficulty faced by implementing authorities during implementation and if required also carry out any amendment in these regulations, the Government *vide* Government Resolution dated 22nd March 2018 constituted the Empowered Committee ;

AND WHEREAS, in consultation with plastic manufacturers associations and considering their representations, it was resolved in the meeting of Empowered Committee on 28th March 2018 to make amendments in the Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling and Storage) Notification, 2018 ;

NOW THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) and (2) of Section 4 of the Maharashtra Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 2006, the Government of Maharashtra hereby makes following amendments in Maharashtra Plastic and Thermocol Products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling and Storage) Notification, 2018 :—

1. Para 3 (2) shall be read as follows :—

“Use, purchase, sale, storage and manufacture of PET and PETE bottles made up of high quality food grade virgin Bisphenol-A free material and printed on it with predefined buy back price shall be allowed subject to compliance of the following :—

(a) PET or PETE bottle manufacturers, producers, sellers and traders under 'Extended Producers and Sellers/Traders Responsibility' will develop "Buy Back Depository Mechanism" with a predefined buy back price printed specially on such PET or PETE bottles and also set up collection centers, reverse vending machines, crushing machines with linkages established with recycling units, to collect and recycle such PET or PETE bottle, within three months from the date of publication of this notification, at strategic places including malls, multiplexes, hotels, shops, tourist places, beaches, forts, public places etc.

(b) Traders / sellers will buy back such used PET/PETE bottles with predefined buy back price.

(c) PET / PETE bottles having liquid holding capacity of 1 liter or more and of less than 1 liter will have printed on the body of the bottle, the buyback price of Rs. 1 and Rs. 2 respectively.

2. In Para 7 pertaining to time frame for implementation, the word, namely "one month from the date of Notification" shall be read as " three months from the date of Notification".

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

DR. B. N. PATIL,
Director (Environment).