



F. No. CP-20/10/2024-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO

Dated: 13.05.2024

To,

The Chairperson,
Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
North Block, Secretariat Building,
New Delhi – 110001

Sub: Registration of Importers as per provision of Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules, 2016, as amended

Ref: 1) B-17011/7/UPC-II-PWM(MLP)/2021 dated 01-12-2021
2) CP-20/94/2021-UPC-II-HO-CPCB-HO dated 24-03-2023

Sir/Ma'am,

This is with reference to our earlier communications on the subject including letter dated December 01, 2021 (**Annexure I**) wherein the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs was requested to direct the concerned authorities to ensure that the importers had obtained registration from CPCB/SPCB/PCC (as applicable) on the Centralized EPR Portal for Plastic Packaging in accordance with provision of PWM Rules, 2016 (As amended) for clearance of import consignments of plastic packaging/commodities with plastic packaging. Further, vide letter dated March 24, 2023 (**Annexure II**), it was requested to allow clearance of import consignments based on proof of submission of application for Registration on the Centralized EPR portal.

It is to inform that as per the provisions of the Sixth amendment to the PWM Rules, 2016, dated April 27, 2023 (**Annexure III**) - one-time registration is to be granted to Producers, Importers and Brand Owners (PIBOs) which can be changed only on the request of PIBOs. In this regard, CPCB had issued a notice dated August 28, 2023 (**Annexure IV**) wherein it was informed that, "Registration granted to PIBOs under the Rules shall not require renewal and shall be changed only on the request of PIBOs".

It has been brought to our notice that several import consignments are being held up at the customs on account of the validity of EPR certificates which leads to economic losses and affects the smooth functioning of the business activities of the importers.

In view of the Amendment to PWM Rules dated April 27, 2024 notified by MoEF&CC and Notice dated August 28, 2023 issued by CPCB, it is requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned authorities to consider existing registration certificates issued to importers, indicating validity of one year, as "one-time Registration Certificate" which do not require renewal and clear the importers' consignment accordingly. The registration status of the PIBOs could also be viewed on CPCB's EPR Plastic portal's (https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/#/plastic/home/main_dashboard) "PIBO Application Summary" section.

This issues with approval of competent authority.

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