

(i) ब्रांड मालिक को प्लास्टिक पैकेजिंग में नीचे दी गई श्रेणी के अनुसार पुनर्चक्रित प्लास्टिक का उपयोग सुनिश्चित करना होगा।

प्लास्टिक पैकेजिंग में पुनर्चक्रित प्लास्टिक का अनिवार्य उपयोग  
(वर्ष के लिए निर्मित प्लास्टिक का %)

प्लास्टिक पैकेजिंग श्रेणी	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 और उसके बाद
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
श्रेणी I	30	40	50	60
श्रेणी II	10	10	20	20
श्रेणी III	5	5	10	10

(ii) ऐसे मामलों में, जहां वैधानिक या तकनीकी आवश्यकताओं के कारण पुनर्चक्रित प्लास्टिक सामग्री के संबंध में दायित्व को पूरा करना संभव नहीं है, केंद्रीय प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा मामला-दर-मामला आधार पर छूट प्रदान की जाएगी।

नोट: 1. संवैधानिक आवश्यकता से तात्पर्य ऐसे मामले से है जहां पुनर्चक्रित सामग्री के उपयोग की अनुमति किसी अन्य लागू कानून द्वारा नहीं दी गई है।

2. तकनीकी आवश्यकता से तात्पर्य उस स्थिति से है जहां पुनर्चक्रित सामग्री के उपयोग के कारण पैक की गई सामग्री इच्छित उपयोग के लिए अनुपयुक्त हो जाती है।

(iii) फूड कांटेक्ट एप्लीकेशन में प्रयुक्त प्लास्टिक पैकेजिंग में पुनर्चक्रित प्लास्टिक संघटक का प्रयोग

ब्रांड मालिक को वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए प्लास्टिक पैकेजिंग में पुनर्चक्रित प्लास्टिक के अनिवार्य उपयोग की पूर्ति में किसी भी कमी को, वर्ष 2026-27 से शुरू होकर तीन वर्षों की अवधि के लिए, उन वर्षों के लिए अनिवार्य लक्ष्य के अतिरिक्त, अग्रेषित अनुमति दी जा सकती है”।

[फ.सं. 17/4/2025-एचएसएम]

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टिप्पण.- मूल नियम भारत के राजपत्र में संख्या सा.का.नि. 320(अ) दिनांक 18 मार्च, 2016 द्वारा प्रकाशित किए गए और तत्पश्चात अधिसूचना संख्या सा.का.नि. 285(अ) दिनांक 27 मार्च, 2018; सा.का.नि. 571(अ) दिनांक 12 अगस्त, 2021; सा.का.नि. 647(अ) दिनांक 17 सितम्बर, 2021; सा.का.नि. 133(अ) दिनांक 16 फरवरी 2022; सा.का.नि. 522(अ) दिनांक 7 जुलाई 2022; सा.का.नि. 318(अ) दिनांक 27 अप्रैल 2023; सा.का.नि. 807(अ) दिनांक 30 अक्टूबर 2023; सा.का.नि. 201(अ) दिनांक 14 मार्च, 2024 द्वारा संशोधित किया गया था और पिछली बार अधिसूचना संख्या सा.का.नि. 73(अ) दिनांक 23 जनवरी, 2025 द्वारा संशोधित किया गया था।

## MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 3rd June, 2025

**G.S.R. 365(E).**— The following draft notification which the Central Government proposes to issue, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3, 6, and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), for making certain amendments in the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, issued vide G.S.R. 320 (E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016, is hereby published as required under sub-rule (3) of rule 5 of the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, for information of the public likely to be affected thereby and notice is hereby given that the said notification will be taken into consideration by the Central Government on or after the expiry of sixty days from the date on which copies of this notification as published in the Gazette of India are made available to the public;

Any person interested in making any objection or suggestion on the proposals contained in the draft notification may do so in writing within the period so specified through post to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003 or electronically at email address: [sohsmnd-mef@gov.in](mailto:sohsmnd-mef@gov.in) .

### Draft Notification

Whereas, the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 (hereinafter referred to as the “said rules”) were notified by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change vide G.S.R. 320 (E), dated the 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2016 to provide statutory framework for plastic waste management in the country in an environmentally sound manner;

Whereas, in order to further strengthen the effective implementation of guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility on Plastic packaging, amendments are being proposed to remove certain difficulties;

Now, therefore, in the exercise of the powers conferred by sections 3, 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986), the Central Government hereby publishes this draft notification as required under sub-rule 3 of rule 5 of the said Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, which shall on and from the date of its final publication make the following amendments in the said notification, namely:-

1. (1) These rules may be called Plastic Waste Management (Second Amendment) Rules, 2025.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, in Schedule-II, in paragraph 7, -
  - (a) in sub-paragraph 7.2, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
  - (d) Obligation for use of recycled plastic content (refer example 6 in Annexure)
  - (i) The producer shall ensure use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging category-wise as given below, namely:-

Mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging  
(% of plastic manufactured for the year)

Plastic packaging category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 and onwards
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Category I	30	40	50	60
Category II	10	10	20	20
Category III	5	5	10	10

In cases, where it is not possible to meet the obligation in respect of recycled plastic content on account of statutory or technical requirements, the exemption may be granted by Central Pollution Control Board on case-to-case basis.

Note: 1. **statutory requirement** would mean the case where use of recycled content is not allowed by any other law in force.

2. **Technical requirement** would mean the case where use of recycled content renders the packaged material unfit for intended use.

- (ii) **Use of recycled plastic content** in plastic packaging used in **food contact applications** -

The **producer** may be allowed to carry forward any shortfall in fulfilment of mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging for the year 2025-26, for a period of three years starting from 2026-27, over and above the target mandated for those years.”;

- (b) in sub-paragraph 7.3, for clause (d), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 

“(d) Obligation for use of recycled plastic content (Refer example 6 in Annexure)
- (i) The Importer shall ensure use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging category-wise as given below:

Mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging  
(% of imported plastic for the year)

Plastic packaging category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 and onwards
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Category I	30	40	50	60
Category II	10	10	20	20
Category III	5	5	10	10

Any recycled plastic used in imported material shall not be counted towards fulfilment of obligation. The importer will have to fulfil its obligation of use of recycled content (in quantitative terms) through purchase of certificate of equivalent quantity from such Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners who have used recycled content in excess of their obligation. Central Pollution Control Board will develop mechanism for such exchange on the centralized online portal. In cases, where it is not possible to meet the obligation in respect of recycled plastic content on account of statutory or technical requirements, the exemption may be granted by Central Pollution Control Board on case-to-case basis.

Note: 1. statutory requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content is not allowed by any other law in force.

2. Technical requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content renders the packaged material unfit for intended use.

(ii) Use of recycled plastic content in plastic packaging used in **food contact applications -**

The **importer** may be allowed to carry forward any shortfall remaining in the fulfilment of mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging, for the year 2025-26, after undertaking best efforts, for a period of three years starting from 2026-27, over and above the target mandated for those years.”;

(c) in sub-paragraph 7.4,- (i) in clause (b) for sub-clause (I), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(I) The Brand Owners using Category I (rigid) plastic packaging for their products shall have minimum obligation to reuse such packaging as given in the table below:

Provided the reuse of Category I rigid plastic packaging in food contact applications shall be subject to regulation of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India. In cases, where it is not possible to meet the obligation in respect of reuse of rigid plastic packaging on account of statutory or technical requirements, the exemption will be granted by Central Pollution Control Board on case-to-case basis.

Note: 1. statutory requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content is not allowed by any other law in force.

2. Technical requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content renders the packaged material unfit for intended use.

Minimum obligation to reuse for Category I (rigid plastic packaging).

Sr. No.	Year	Target (as percentage of Category I rigid plastic packaging in product sold annually)
(1)	(2)	(3)
A	Category I rigid plastic packaging with volume or weight equal or more than 0.9 litre or kg but less than 4.9 litres or kg, as the case may be	

1.	2025 – 26	10
2.	2026 – 27	15
3.	2027-28	20
4.	2028-29 and onwards	25
B	Category I rigid plastic packaging with volume of weight equal or more than 4.9 litres or kg used for packaging of drinking water.	
1.	2025 – 26	70
2.	2026 – 27	75
3.	2027-28	80
4.	2028-29 and onwards	85
C	Category I rigid plastic packaging with volume of weight equal or more than 4.9 litres or kg used for packaging of products other than drinking water.	
1.	2025 – 26	10
2.	2026 – 27	10
3.	2027-28	15
4.	2028-29 and onwards	15

The quantity of rigid packaging reused by Brand Owners shall be calculated by reducing virgin plastic packaging manufactured/imported/purchased in that year from the sales of the Brand Owners:

Provided that the brand owner may be allowed to carry forward any shortfall of minimum obligation to reuse for Category I (rigid plastic packaging), for the year 2025-26, for a period of three years starting from 2026-27, over and above the target mandated for those years.

The **Brand Owners** shall provide this information on the centralized portal developed by Central Pollution Control Board.”

(ii) for sub-clause (e), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(e) Obligation for use of recycled plastic content (refer example 6 in Annexure)

(i) The brand owner shall ensure use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging category-wise as given below:

Mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging  
(% of plastic manufactured for the year)

Plastic packaging category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 and onwards
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Category I	30	40	50	60
Category II	10	10	20	20
Category III	5	5	10	10

(ii) In cases, where it is not possible to meet the obligation in respect of recycled plastic content on account of statutory or technical requirements, the exemption will be granted by Central Pollution Control Board on case-to-case basis.

Note: 1. statutory requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content is not allowed by any other law in force.

2. Technical requirement would mean the case where use of recycled content renders the packaged material unfit for intended use.

(iii) Use of recycled plastic content in plastic packaging used in **food contact applications**

The **brand owner** may be allowed to carry forward any shortfall in fulfilment of mandatory use of recycled plastic in plastic packaging, for the year 2025-26, for a period of three years starting from 2026-27, over and above the target mandated for those years.”.

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**Note.-** The principal rules were published in the Gazette of India, vide number G.S.R. 320(E), dated the 18th March, 2016 and subsequently amended vide notification number G.S.R. 285(E), dated the 27th March, 2018; G.S.R. 571(E), dated the 12th August, 2021; G.S.R. 647(E), dated the 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2021; G.S.R. 133(E), dated the 16th February 2022; G.S.R. 522(E) dated the 7th July 2022; G.S.R. 318(E), dated the 27th April 2023; G.S.R. 807(E) dated the 30th October 2023; G.S.R. 201(E) dated the 14th March 2024 and last amended vide notification number G.S.R. 73 (E) dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.