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The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF & CC) has notified Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 in exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 3, 6 & 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 vide Notification No. G.S.R. 320 (E) Dt: 18.03.2016.

As per Rule 13(3) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "Every person recycling or processing waste or proposing to recycle or process plastic waste shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Board, for grant of registration or renewal of registration for the recycling unit, in Form II".

As per the Rule 13(4) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), Role of Producers, Importers & Brand-Owners as under;

*"Every manufacturer engaged in manufacturing of plastic to be used as raw material by the producer shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Board for the grant of registration or for the renewal of registration, in Form III".*

As per the Rule 13(5) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), Role of Plastic Waste Processors (Recyclers or Other Waste Processors including industrial composting facilities) as under;

*"The State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee shall not issue or renew registration to plastic waste recycling or processing units unless the unit possesses a valid consent under the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 (6 of 1974) and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 (14 of 1981) along with a certificate of registration issued by the District Industries Centre or any other Government agency authorized in this regard".*

The MoEF & CC, Government of India has notified guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Plastic Packaging on 16.02.2022 as 4th amendment to Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 under Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.

As per the Section 6.1(a) of said amendment, all Plastic Packaging Material Producers, Importers, Brand Owners (PIBOs) and Recyclers, Plastic Waste to Energy Plants, Plastic Waste Co-processor (PWP) engaged in (a) recycling, (b) waste



to energy, (c) waste to oil and (iv) industrial composting units are required to register in the Centralized EPR Portal of the CPCB.

Further, in its recent interaction by the CPCB with the industry representatives, it has been brought to CPCB's notice that several producers/PWPs who are operating in the MSME/informal sector are finding it difficult to obtain Consent to Operate from SPCB/PCCs as they were operating without necessary consent for a long time. **“Non-availability of the consent is posing a major hindrance in obtaining registration on the EPR portal to these industries”**. It is important to onboard these Producers/PWPs on the EPR portal not only to ensure smooth functioning of the EPR portal but to also ensure that the EPR benefits reach the industries operating at the grassroots level.

In this context, the CPCB has requested SPCBs to take a considerate view of their present situation and to facilitate grant of consent at the earliest to such producers/PWPs, so that they can be brought into the mainstream EPR framework.

Further, one of the issues faced by the already existing registered producers of plastic packaging materials and plastic waste recyclers is despite having valid manual consent issued prior to XGN software that they are finding it difficult to upload their consent details in the CPCB EPR portal as same is not fetching the consent validity details directly from the manual consent. It is learnt that in the similar situation the Maharashtra State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) has taken a decision to upload the existing valid consent details in their software by collecting one rupee as processing fee and MPCB is synchronizing the new consent with the same existing validity period to facilitate producers & recyclers to get registered in the CPCB EPR portal.

Similarly, KSPCB can also take a decision to allow existing units having valid consent issued manually to get registered in the XGN module and further facilitate them to get registered in CPCB EPR portal.

Hence, the Regional Officers are informed to consider the Plastic waste recycling and Plastic packaging material production units which are having valid consent obtained manually prior to XGN so as to facilitate them to get it registered in the CPCB EPR portal. RO's can accept such application through XGN by collecting Rs. 1/- as processing fee and can upload the consent and issue the same through XGN for the said validity period by collecting following mandatory documents.

1. CFO application Form -I / Form -XIII
2. Processing fee Rs. 1/-
3. Existing valid consent with same capacity as per consent.
4. If the applicant insist for revalidation of consent for further period, the same can also be accepted by collecting consent fee as per new GoK fee Notification, 2021.



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