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**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

Dated the 5th July, 2026

EPA/SEC/O/260705/0068

ORDER

No 508/PA/DG/EPA/2026

**ORDER REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONSUMERS UNDER THE
PUNJAB ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SINGLE-
USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS) REGULATIONS, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997 empowers the Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab to take such measures and issue directions as may be necessary for the protection, conservation, rehabilitation and improvement of the environment in the Province;

2. **AND WHEREAS**, the Plastic Management Strategy, Punjab provides a comprehensive policy framework for reducing plastic pollution through sustainable production and consumption practices, promotion of reusable and recyclable alternatives, and strengthening regulatory and enforcement mechanisms for effective plastic waste management;

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the Punjab Environmental Protection (Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Products) Regulations, 2023, operationalize the objectives of the Plastic Management Strategy by prescribing responsibilities of producers, distributors, consumers, collectors and recyclers, and by regulating the production, distribution, sale, consumption and management of single-use plastic products in the Province;

4. **AND WHEREAS**, Regulation 7 of the Punjab Environmental Protection (Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Products) Regulations, 2023 prescribes the responsibilities of consumers (a person who either commercially or in bulk, consumes single use plastic products i.e. shops, retails centers, restaurants, hotels etc) to minimize the use of single-use plastic products, ensure proper plastic waste management, and promote the use of reusable or recyclable shopping bags;

5. **AND WHEREAS**, Regulation 7(1)(g) of the Regulations ibid states that all consumers (shops, retails centers, restaurants, hotels etc) shall provide customers with free plastic shopping bags or allowing customers to buy only reusable or recyclable bags;

6. **AND WHEREAS**, it has been observed that many retailers have started charging exuberant prices for plastic shopping bags while selling their products which has not only increased production of plastic bags (polyethylene and polypropylene/ non-woven bags) but also acting as discouraging factor for production of bags made from reusable and recyclable ecofriendly materials other than plastics;

7. **NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Imran Hamid Sheikh (PAS), Director General, Environmental Protection Agency, Punjab, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5(4) of the Punjab Environmental Protection Act, 1997, do hereby order that, henceforth, no shop, retail center, restaurant, hotel, and other commercial establishment shall charge any fee/price for the provision of plastic shopping bags while selling their products. Nevertheless, they will be allowed to charge fee/price only for reusable or recyclable shopping bags made from any material other than plastic.**

8. Any contravention of this order shall be punished under Regulation 13 read with Schedule V Punjab Environmental Protection (Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Products) Regulations, 2023.

9. This order shall come into force with effect **from 6th September, 2026** and shall remain in force until modified or withdrawn.



**(DR. IMRAN HAMID SHEIKH)
DIRECTOR GENERAL
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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