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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL HOCKEY STADIUM, FEROZEPUR ROAD, LAHORE
Dated: 30.11.2024



To

All the Deputy Directors (Field) / Assistant Directors (Field),
EPA Punjab

Subject: CRACKDOWN ON BANNED SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STARTING FROM 10-12-24

It is in your knowledge that the amendments in the "Production and Consumption of Single-Use Plastic Product Regulations 2023" have been notified vide Gazette Notification No. 170 of 2024 dated 28.11.2024. The same can be downloaded from EPA's official website (www.epd.punjab.gov.pk). The major amendments are highlighted as under:

- i. Provision of administrative penalties and schedule of fines added ranging from Rs. 5000 to 50,000
- ii. Administrative penalty can be imposed on violators after serving 7 days prior notice
- iii. The premises where banned single-use plastic is found can be sealed and material can be seized/confiscated.
- iv. Formulation of District Plastic Management Committees
- v. Registration and renewal fees have been revised

2. EPA has already launched a massive campaign against banned single-use plastics, especially against plastic shopping bags of less than 75 microns throughout the Punjab. To make this campaign more focused, intense and target-oriented, you are all directed to ensure maximum media campaigns and public announcements in markets to warn producers, consumers, distributors, recyclers and collectors that the deadline to get rid of banned single-use plastics, especially plastic shopping bags of less than 75 microns is **09.12.2024**.

3. Upon the expiry of this grace period, effective crackdown shall be started lead by respective Deputy Directors (Field) / Assistant Directors (Field) in coordination

with concerned District Administrations. In this regard, you are all directed to have in-person meetings with DCs and DPOs of your respective districts to make cogent implementation plans, including the enforcement mechanism as well as registration regime.

4. Directorate of EDH shall act as fulcrum of this crackdown and will issue necessary guidelines for removal of difficulties during day to day operations of this activity.



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Copy forwarded for information & necessary action to:

- I. The Secretary Environment Protection and Climate Change Department, Punjab
- II. All the Commissioners of Punjab
- III. All the Deputy Commissioners of Punjab **for providing necessary support**
- IV. All the City/District Police Officers of Punjab
- V. The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- VI. The Additional Secretary (Coordination), Chief Minister Office, Lahore.
- VII. The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- VIII. The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab
- IX. All the Directors EPA Punjab
- X. PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D
- XI. The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab
- XII. The In-charge Smog War Room, EPA Headquarters, Lahore.
- XIII. In-charge, Social Media Cell of EPA Punjab with the request to place this order on the website (epd.punjab.pk) and all the social media platforms
- XIV. PA to Director General EPA Punjab