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GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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To

All Deputy Commissioners,
Punjab.

Subject: **ACTIVATION OF DISTRICT PLASTIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

It is to bring in your kind knowledge that the amendments in the Punjab Environmental Protection (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 seized or sealed and material can be confiscated.
- iv. Formulation of District Plastic Management Committees
- v. Registration and renewal fees have been revised

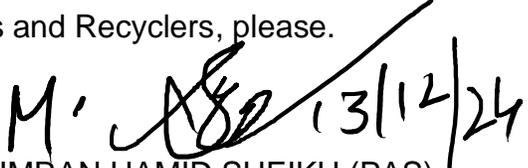
2. At this juncture, your attention is specially drawn towards Regulation 15 of the Regulations ibid under which the District Plastic Management Committee has been formulated with the following composition and TORs:

(a)	Deputy Commissioner	Chairperson
(b)	District Police Officer	Member
(c)	District Officer of the Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skills Development Department	Member
(d)	District in-charge of the Punjab Food Authority	Member
(e)	Chief Officer of the District Council	Member
(f)	Chief Executive Officer, Waste Management Company concerned	Member
(g)	President Chamber of Commerce and Industries, or his nominee	Member
(h)	One representative from the persons engaged in plastic business to be nominated by the Chairperson	Member
(i)	Chief Executive Officer, District Education Authority	Member
(j)	Chairman, Market Committee	Member
(k)	District Officer Environment.	Member/Secretary
(l)	Any other member to be co-opted by the Committee	Member

The District Plastic Management Committee shall:

- (a) monitor and oversee all the affairs related to implementation of the regulations;
- (b) compile data of all activities including registration as well as punitive and other actions taken under the regulations;
- (c) facilitate the registration of producer, distributor, consumer, collector and recycler of single-use plastic product as mentioned under the regulations;
- (d) promote public awareness and education regarding plastic waste reduction and recycling initiatives;
- (e) identify and collaborate with relevant stakeholders to ensure effective plastic waste management practices;
- (f) facilitate availability of alternate options to replace plastic bags in the local market;
- (g) keep liaison with the elected representatives; and
- (h) ensure implementation of the regulations in letter and spirit.

3. You are, therefore, required to convene the meeting of the said committee immediately, co-opt the members at your own level and supervise the ongoing crackdown against the banned/ substandard plastic products as well as registration process of the plastic products Producers, Distributors, Consumers, Collectors and Recyclers, please.


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PUNJAB**

CC:

- The Secretary, EPCCD, Punjab, Lahore.
- All the Commissioners, Punjab with the request to oversee the said process.
- The Additional Secretary (Staff), Chief Secretary's Office, Lahore.
- The Additional Secretary (Coordination) Chief Minister Office Lahore.
- The Chief Environment & Climate Change, P&D Board, Lahore.
- The Secretary, Judicial Water & Environment Commission (JWEC), Punjab.
- PSO to Minister for Environment, Forest and P&D.
- All Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Punjab.
- The Additional Director General (Ops & Imp), EPA Punjab.
- The Director (EDH)/ In-charge Plastic Campaign with the direction to ensure liaison with district officers for monthly meetings of District Plastic Management Committees.
- All Deputy/ Assistant Directors (Field), EPA Punjab with the direction to provide complete support to their concerned district administration and make this whole process a success story.
- The Focal person for Plastic Campaign with the direction to maintain record of monthly meetings and present the report on First Monday of every month.

- The In-charge Smog War Room, EPA Punjab shall ensure that report is presented on First Monday of every month.
- PA to Director General EPA Punjab.