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### THE PLASTICS EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

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To,  
All Members of Plexconcil / COA

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub : Seeking inputs regarding concerns of Exporters due to ban on Plastic by Govt. of Maharashtra.

We wish to draw your kind attention to the notification No. Plastic-2018/C.R. No.24/TC-4 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 issued by Maharashtra Govt. with regard to regulations for manufacture, usage, sale, storage, transport of the products made from plastic & thermacol etc. which generates non-biodegradable waste.

The ban in the whole State of Maharashtra for manufacture, usage, transport, distribution, wholesale & retail sale and storage, import of the plastic bags with handle and without handle, and the disposable products manufactured from plastic & thermocol (polystyrene) such as single use disposable dish, cups, plates, glasses, fork, bowl, container, disposable dish/ bowl used for packaging food in hotels, spoon, straw, non-woven polypropylene bags, cups/ pouches to store liquid, packaging with plastic to wrap or store the products, packaging of food items and food grain material etc.

Use, sale, storage and manufacture of PET or PETE bottles made up of high quality food grade virgin Bisphenol-A free material having liquid holding capacity not less than 0.5 liters and printed on it with predefined buy back price shall be allowed subject to compliance para 2 of said notification.

These regulations shall not be applicable to the following items:-

- i. Plastic bags or plastic used for packaging of medicines;
- ii. Only compostable plastic bags or material used for plant nurseries, horticulture, agriculture, handling of solid waste. However, bags / sheets utilized for this purpose shall be prominently printed on it with "Use exclusively for this specific purpose only". The manufacturers or seller of compostable plastic carry bags shall obtain a certificate from the Central Pollution Control Board before marketing or selling for this purpose.
- iii. To manufacture plastic and plastic bags for export purpose only, in the Special Economic Zone and export oriented units etc.
- iv. The plastic cover / plastic to wrap the material at the manufacturing stage or is an integral part of manufacturing. Guidelines to recycle or reuse such plastic should be printed prominently on the cover and material.
- v. Food grade virgin plastic bags not less than 50 micron thickness used for packaging of milk.

With regard to para 3 - iii (highlighted above) which states that the regulation will not be applicable "to manufacture plastic and plastic bags for export purpose only, in the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) and export oriented units (EOU) etc. It means manufacturer under SEZ and EOU can manufacture the plastic carry bag & export the same since such units under SEZ and EOU are exclusively meant for exports.



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In view of the above, few of our members have expressed their concern regarding their Exports being affected due to the ban. Accordingly, we seek detailed inputs and suggestions to prepare a representation to be submitted to the Ministry of Commerce and to sensitize them regarding the concerns of the exporters and request to recommend the State Govt. for clarifications, so that the Exporters from the state do not get affected in any way due to the ban.

Your early replies will be appreciated so as to enable us to represent.

Best Regards,

Sribash Dasmohapatra  
(Executive Director)

**Note : Notification number Plastic-2018/C.R. No.24/TC-4 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 available for download using the link ..... [http://mpcb.gov.in/images/pdf/plastic\\_27032018.pdf](http://mpcb.gov.in/images/pdf/plastic_27032018.pdf)**