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To,

All the Members of Plexconcil

Dear Sir / Madam,

Subject : Regarding The draft Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021 - open for public suggestion for 60 days for consideration by the Central Government

We wish to inform you that The draft Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021, issued by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on March 11, has necessitated a few changes in the country's handling of its plastic waste.

The amendment has extended the applicability of the rules to brand-owner, plastic waste processor, including the recycler, co-processor, etc. It will also include new definitions of:

Non-woven plastic bag

Plastic waste processing

Single-use plastic (SUP) item

Thermoset plastic

Thermoplastic

The Union ministry has proposed increasing the thickness of carry bags made of virgin plastic to 120 microns from 50 microns.

The draft also proposes a ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of specific single-use plastic from January 1, 2022. These include plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, and thermocol (extended polystyrene) for decoration.

The draft is open for public suggestion for 60 days for consideration by the central government, following which it will be published in the Gazette of India.

These rules may be called Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021, and shall come into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Therefore, members are requested to refer the attached draft of **Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021** and send their views/ suggestion (as per the below format) on or before 31.03.2021 to the undersigned at bharti@plexconcil.org to enable us to compile and represent to the concerned authority.

Serial number mentioned in <u>Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021</u>	Description mentioned in <u>Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021</u>	Suggestion	Reason	Any other remark

Best regards

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