

What is the Role of Producers, Importers and Brand owners, Manufacturers, and manufacturers of commodities made from compostable or biodegradable plastics, under the Extended Producers Responsibility guidelines of 2022?

- I. Producers, Importers and Brand owners, manufacturers and manufacturers of commodities made from compostable or biodegradable plastic as defined in the Rules have to register through on-line portal developed by the CPCB.
- II. An action plan on the Extended Producers responsibility targets shall be submitted on the portal along with the application for registration or renewal.
- III. The amount of plastic packaging sold by producers or importers to brand owners shall be deducted from the obligation of producers and importers and records of such purchase shall be maintained separately by brand owner. The brand owner shall be the obligated entity for extended producer responsibility. The provision does not make any provision for manufacturers or manufacturers of commodities made from compostable or biodegradable plastic.
- IV. The producers and importers will also make a separate record of plastic packaging material made available to brand owner. In case such records are not maintained they will themselves have to fulfil the EPR obligation. Data shall be cross checked. Here also the proviso does not include manufacturers or manufacturers of biodegradable or compostable plastic biodegradable.
- V. The producers, importers and brand owners and manufacturers and manufacturers of commodities made from compostable plastic or biodegradable plastic can operate schemes such as deposit refund system or buy back or any other model (as amended 2024).
- VI. The producers, importers, brand owners and manufacturers of commodities made from compostable plastic or biodegradable plastic shall file annual returns on the plastic packaging waste collected and processed towards fulfilling E.P.R. obligations by the 30th of June of next financial year.