

What is the provision for registration of Producers, recyclers, manufacturers, importers and Brand owners.

The registration of Producers, recyclers and manufacturers is prescribed under Rule 13 of the Plastic Waste Management rules 2016. Although not mentioned in the title to the clause, Importers and Brand owners find mention in the body of the rule.

- i. As per subrule 1., the manufacture of carry bags, recycled plastic bags or multi layered packaging can only be done if a registration is granted by the Central Pollution Control Board or State Pollution Control Boards or committees, as the case may be prior to commencement of production. The application would be made to the concerned State Pollution Control Board or Committee if operating in one or two states or union Territories and to the Central Pollution Control Board if operating in more than 2 states or Union Territories as per the guidelines specified in Schedule II.
- ii. Every Producer, Importer or brand owner shall make an application in the prescribed form to the Central Pollution Control Board (if operating in more than 02 states or Union Territories) or to the State Pollution Control Board and Committees (if operating in one or two states or Union Territories).
- iii. Recyclers or Waste Processors or person proposing to recycle or Process Waste shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Boards or the Pollution Control Committees for registration/renewal of registration as per guidelines specified in schedule II.
- iv. Every manufacturer and importer of plastic raw material shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee for registration in the prescribed format.
- v. The manufacturer and importer of plastic raw material shall only sell plastic raw material to producers or sellers registered under these rules. The registration number of Producer or seller shall be mentioned in the sale invoice.
- vi. Plastic raw material shall not be sold to any entity or units engaged in the manufacture of prohibited single use items.
- vii. Packaging bags of all plastic raw material would be printed with 'Not to be used in the manufacture of single use plastic items prohibited under the Plastic Waste Management Rules 2016 including plastic sheets less than 50 microns, non-woven carry bags less than 60 GSM and carry bags less than 120 micron thickness.
- viii. The manufacturer and importer of plastic wastes shall also submit quarterly report to the Central Pollution Control Board or the State Pollution Control Board or Committee concerned.
- ix. Energy person engaged in the Sale of plastic raw material or an intermediate raw material used for manufacture of plastic packaging to producer shall make an application to the State Pollution Control Board or the Pollution Control Committee concerned for registration.
- x. Where the registration is not granted within a period of 30 days after the receipt of the application complete in all respects, the applicant shall be deemed to be registered under these rules on the expiry of such period.
- xi. The registration shall only be granted or renewed to plastic waste recycling or processing units if the unit has a valid consent under the Air and Water Acts and a certificate of registration issued by the District Industries centre or any other Government agency authorised.

- xii. On receipt of the application, the Pollution Control Board after satisfying itself that the applicant possesses appropriate facilities, technical capabilities and equipment to handle plastic waste safely may grant registration on fulfilment of the conditions as laid down in the terms of registration and the registration shall be subject to fulfilment of obligation in accordance with the guidelines on extended producer liability for plastic packaging specified in schedule II.
- xiii. The rules also specify that where the registration is not granted within a period of 30 days after the receipt of application complete in all respects, the applicant shall be deemed to be registered under these rules of the expiry of such period.
- xiv. The registration would be valid for a period of one year unless revoked, suspended or cancelled and shall subsequently be granted for three years.
- xv. Registration can only be revoked, suspended or cancelled after providing the opportunity of hearing.
- xvi. Applications for renewal have to be made at least 120 days before the expiry of the validity of the registration certificate.