

## **What are the guidelines for Extended Producer Responsibility under the Plastic Waste Management Rules?**

Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for Plastic Packaging were notified through GSR 133E dated 16-02-2022 as Schedule II to the PWM Rules. The Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 cast Extended Producer Responsibility on Producer, Importer, and Brand Owner. Extended Producer Responsibility shall be applicable to both pre-consumer and post-consumer plastic packaging waste. These guidelines provide a framework for implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility. The Guidelines provide the roles and responsibilities of Producers, Importers, Brand Owners, Central Pollution Control Board, State Pollution Control Board or Pollution Control Committees, recyclers and waste processors for effective implementation of Extended Producer Responsibility. The definitions given in Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, apply until, specifically mentioned in these guidelines. The definition of Producer under the guidelines is drastically different from the definition as given in the amendment of 2024 and may need to be clarified.