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Smt. Manisha Mhaskar, IAS
Principal Secretary - Environment Department
Government of Maharashtra

Subject: Confirmation of Industry Understanding of Compliance requirements under Rule 11 of the Plastic Waste (Second Amendment) Rules 2022

Respected Madam,

Greetings from **MAIT**, the apex body representing the **IT, Electronics & Telecom Hardware Manufacturing Sector** in India! Established in 1982, **MAIT** is the apex industry body representing the Electronics & Telecom H/W sector in India which closely works with policymakers of Central and State Government to enable the growth of the Electronic System H/W Design & Manufacturing sector in India.

This bears reference to the compliance requirements under Rule 11 of the Plastic waste (Second Amendment) Rules 2022, released by MoEF&CC dated 6th July 2022 which are applicable nationally.

In line with the Guidelines issued as referred above, **the Industry is requesting confirmation on certain points as there are a few issues where Maharashtra MPCB stance and industry understanding needs to be aligned so as there is no ambiguity over the compliance procedures to be followed in accordance with the latest amendments to the Plastic Waste Rules 2016 dated July 06, 2022.**

The issues where we are requesting your confirmation/clarity on industry understanding are as follows: -

Issue	Maharashtra MPCB Stance	Industry understanding
1. Printing exemption for plastic packaging on the Imported products as per provisions of Rule 11 of Plastic Waste Management Rules on packaging.	Maharashtra Plastic & Thermocol products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling & Storage) Notification 2018, amended till date are silent on the issue of requirement of printing on packaging used for imported products	Industry understands that the printing is exempted on "plastic sheets or like used for packaging imported goods".
2. Removal of requirement to print Manufacturer's details on plastic packaging	Maharashtra Plastic & Thermocol products (Manufacture, Usage, Sale, Transport, Handling & Storage) Notification 2018, amended till date require printing of manufacturer's details on the plastic packaging	Industry understands that only below items are required to be printed on plastic packaging: -Name, registration number of the producer or brand owner -Thickness in case of carry bag and plastic packaging.

Considering the above facts, as per the Gazette notification published by MoEF&CC, **MAIT believes that the provisions by the central authority will prevail and there will not be any requirement of:**

1. Printing on the packaging that comes with Imported goods for Maharashtra
2. Printing manufacturer's details on the plastic packaging.

A line in confirmation of this industry understanding will greatly help the industry.

Look forward to your early response.

With regards,



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