

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR
SECRETARIAT FOREST AND ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION
Imphal the 22nd March 2005.

No. 56/38/99-For & Env't.: In pursuance of the Government of India Ministry of Environment & Forests (Department of Environment, Forests and Wildlife) Notification No. S.O. 408 (E) dated 6.6.1989 and in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (viii) of sub-section (2) of section 3 read with section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act. 1986 (29 of 1986) and the Rules made thereunder, the State Government hereby gives directions of the following restrictions on manufacture, sale, distribution and use of virgin and recycled plastic carry bags and recycled plastic containers to the whole of the State of Manipur with effect from 1st April, 2005.

- i. No person shall manufacture, stock, distribute or sale carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic bags which are less than 8 inches x 12 inches (20cms x 30 cms) in size. The minimum weight of 50 carry bags of minimum size made of virgin or recycled plastics shall be 105 gms plus or minus 5% variation and the carry bags of larger sizes shall be of proportionate increase in weight;
- ii. Every occupier of units manufacturing carry bags or containers of virgin plastic or recycled plastic or both shall make an application to the Manipur Pollution Control Board for grant of registration or renewal of registration for his unit within two months from the date of issuance of this direction;
- iii. No person shall manufacture carry bags or containers irrespective of its size or weight unless the occupier of the unit has registered the unit with the Manipur Pollution Control Board prior to the commencement of production;
- iv. No vendor [**“vendor”** means a person who sells food-stuffs/commodities] shall **use carry bags made of plastic** for storing carrying dispensing or packaging of

Foodstuffs [“Food-stuffs” means ready to eat food articles and food products, fast foods, processed or cooked food in liquid, powder, solid or semi-solid form]

And

Commodities [“Commodities” means vegetables, fruits, pharmaceuticals, groceries, sweets, fish, meats and the like]

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2. Whosoever fails to comply with or contravenes any of these directions, shall, in respect of such failure or contravention, be liable to be prosecuted under the penalty provisions of section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;

3. Commerce & Industry Department, Government of Manipur, Home Department, Government of Manipur, Tourism Department, Government of Manipur, Environment & Ecology Wing, Government of Manipur, Municipality Council of every town of Manipur should take necessary steps for proper execution and implementation of the aforementioned directions under intimation to the Manipur Pollution Control Board.

(Saichhuana)
Additional Chief Secretary (Forest and Environment)
Government of Manipur.

Copy to :-

- 1) The Secretary to the Chief Minister, Manipur for kind information to the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- 2) The P.P.Ss to All Ministers/Minister of State, Manipur.
- 3) Adhakshyas of all Zilla Parisad, Manipur.
- 4) The Chairperson of all Municipalities/Municipal Councils/Nagar Panchayats, Manipur.
- 5) The P.S. to Chief Secretary, Government of Manipur.
- 6) The Director General of Police, Manipur, Imphal
- 7) All Principal Secretaries/Commissioners/Secretaries, Govt. of Manipur.
- 8) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Manipur.
- 9) All Deputy Commissioners, Manipur.
- 10) Chief Executive Officers of all Autonomous District Councils, Manipur.
- 11) All superintendents of Police, Manipur.
- 12) The Member Secretary, Manipur Pollution Control Board, Imphal.
- 13) The Senior Scientific Officer, Environment and Ecology Wing, Manipur.
- 14) The Director, Printing & Stationary, Manipur for publication in the Extra-Ordinary Gazette and send 10 copies of the publication to this Department.
- 15) Guard File.
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