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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Hazardous Substances Management Division)

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Date: 07th July, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Clarification with respect to plastic packaging and banned single use plastic items w.e.f. 1st July2022 – reg.

- 1. This has reference to use of plastic cups or trays as plastic packaging in Dairy / Food / Beverage / Bakery Industries and their exclusion from single use plastic ban effective from 1st July 2022.
- 2. The following is clarified:
 - i. Plastic cups and trays used as packaging for protecting, preserving, storing and transporting of products, as per definition of plastic packaging given in Guidelines on Extended Producer Responsibility for plastic packaging (hereinafter referred to as EPR Guidelines), will be covered under the EPR Guidelines.
 - ii. The producers of plastic cups and trays used as rigid plastic packaging will be registered under EPR Guidelines, in order to allow them to fulfil their Extended Producer Responsibility obligations.
 - iii. In cases, where plastic cups and trays are not used for packaging of products, as per definition of plastic packaging given in EPR Guidelines, these will be considered as single use plastic commodities and will be covered under single use plastic ban effective from 1st July 2022, as applicable.
 - iv. In case, where plastic cups and trays are used as packaging and are covered under EPR Guidelines. In such cases, CPCB is requested to modify the Direction issued under Section 5 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, to plastic raw material

manufactures, appropriately, so as to allow plastic raw material supply to producers of plastic cups and trays, for its use as rigid plastic packaging covered under EPR Guidelines.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

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