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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**  
**Hazardous Substances Management Division**

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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Applicability of thickness restriction on shrink film, cling film, stretch film- under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended- Reg.**

This has reference to applicability of thickness restriction on shrink film, cling film and stretch film under Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended. Rule 4 (d) of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended, stipulate restriction on thickness of plastic sheet or like or cover made of plastic sheet.

2. The following is clarified:

- (i) The use of plastic sheet or like, which is not part of multi-layered packaging and cover made of plastic sheet used for packaging, wrapping the commodity shall not be less than 50 microns in thickness, in an independent manner, inter-alia including shrink film, cling film and stretch film, which shall not have thickness less than 50 microns, until an exemption is specified, by the Central Government, based upon recommendation on CPCB, that the thickness of such plastic sheets impair the functionality of the product,
- (ii) Further, as per rules, only in cases where, plastic sheet or like, is integral part of multi layer packaging (made from different materials or made from different type of plastics) the thickness restriction shall not apply. However, in such cases, the use of plastic sheet has to be accounted for in production of plastic packaging, through EPR registration of producers of plastic packaging/converters, as EPR Guidelines.
- (iii) As EPR target is on weight basis, while registering for EPR of multilayered plastic packaging, in which plastic sheet or like, is a part, the complete weight of multilayered plastic packaging will covered under EPR.

3. It is requested that the above information is shared with all SPCBs/PCCs.
4. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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