

Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Environment, Science & Technology

No. STE-F-(4)-1/2019-L

Dated: Shimla-2

13th October, 2022

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Governor of Himachal Pradesh vide this Department's Notifications No. STE-F-(4)-1/2020 dated 20th July, 2022 and No. STE-F-(4)-1/2019 dated 30th July, 2022, with an objective to improve plastic waste management system, under Himachal Pradesh Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1995, imposed ban on use of plastic carry-bags (irrespective of their sizes & thickness), **non-woven carry bags of all sizes** and certain plastic items having one time use;

2. AND WHEREAS, it has been examined and found that non-woven carry bags, made of 'polypropylene' - a plastic material, having **size more than 60 GSM** are reusable multiple times and can be recycled before their end use.

3. NOW THEREFORE, the Governor, Himachal Pradesh, in supersession of aforesaid notification dated the **20th July, 2022**, is pleased to direct that no person including shopkeepers, vendors, wholesalers, retailers, hawkers, rehariwala, etc. shall import, stock, distribute, sale and use the non-woven carry bags of size less than eighty (80) GSM made of non-biodegradable material as listed in the Schedule appended to the Himachal Pradesh Non-Biodegradable Garbage (Control) Act, 1995;

4. Any person, institution/commercial establishment (educational institutions, offices, hotels, shops, restaurants, sweetshops, dhabas, religious institutions, industrial establishments, banquet halls, etc.) causing breach of the aforesaid prohibition shall be liable for the penalties as per the provisions contained in the Act *ibid*;

5. The Governor, Himachal Pradesh, is further pleased to direct that the officers already authorized to compound the offences committed under the Act *ibid*, sum of penalty specified for compounding of offences and other terms & conditions vide above referred notification dated 20th July, 2022 shall remain the same. This notification dated 20th July, 2022 stands modified to the extent that ban on the non-woven carry bags shall be restricted to the size less than eighty(80) GSM.



The ban on the non-woven carry bags of size less than sixty (60) GSM is already effective. The ban on sizes more than 60 GSM and less than 80 GSM will be made effective from 1st January, 2023 in the entire State of Himachal Pradesh in the public interest so that the stockiests, shopkeepers, vendors, wholesalers etc. may dispose of their stocks and no financial loss is caused to them.

By Order,

Prabodh Saxena, IAS
Addl. Chief Secretary (Env. &ST) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh


Endst. No. : As above

Dated: Shimla-2,

13-10-2022

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8. All the Divisional Commissioner of Himachal Pradesh.
9. The Director (Environment, Science & Technology), Paryavarn Bhawan, Near U.S. Club Shimla-1.
10. The Member Secretary, H.P. State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (HIMCOSTE), Block No. 34, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-9.
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Sat Pal Dhiman
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