

SUMMARY OF EPR FOR PLASTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES, 2016

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Categories of plastic waste as listed by CPCB

1. CATEGORY 1- Rigid package plastic- eg shampoo bottles, harpic, oil cans, etc
2. CATEGORY 2- flexible single or multilayer plastic packaging
3. CATEGORY 3- Multilayered plastic packaging with at least one or more layers of material other than plastic
4. CATEGORY 4- plastic sheet or compostable plastic

What is EPR- Extended produced responsibility, first used in plastic waste management rules 2016, aims at holding manufacturers and producers accountable for taking back their waste and producing durable and sustainable packaging. Official definition- “means the responsibility of a producer for the environmentally sound management of the product until the end of its life”

CPCB centralized EPR portal for plastic packaging- <https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/#/plastic/home>

Responsibilities of PIBOs- producer, importer, and brand owners.

1. Irrespective of the turnover or scale of operation, should follow EPR guidelines in plastic waste management rule.
2. Register at the EPR portal - <https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/#/plastic/home>
3. Submit Action Plan
4. Provide a plastic credit certificate
5. Fulfil targets and responsibilities for recycling, use of recycled plastic, reuse, end-of-life disposal, collection, and recovery
6. Submit Annual returns.

Extended producer responsibility targets- PRODUCER

Extended Producer Responsibility target

	Year	Extended Producer Responsibility target (as a percentage of Q1 - category-wise)
I	2021 - 22	25 %
II	2022 - 23	70 %
III	2023 - 24	100 %

Obligation for use of recycled plastic content -PRODUCER- %

Plastic packaging category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 and onwards
Category I	30	40	50	60
Category II	10	10	20	20
Category III	5	5	10	10

Obligations for recycling- PRODUCER

Plastic packaging category	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28 and onwards
Category I	50	60	70	80
Category II	30	40	50	60
Category III	30	40	50	60
Category IV	50	60	70	80

EPR TARGET- BRAND OWNER

Brand owner- a person or company who sells any commodity under a registered brand label or trademark; includes online platforms/marketplaces and supermarkets/retail chains other than those, which are micro and small enterprises as per the criteria of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India

	Year	Extended Producer Responsibility Target (as a percentage of Q3 - category-wise)
I	2021 - 22	25 %
II	2022 - 23	70 %
III	2023 - 24	100 %

Obligation for reuse- Brand owner

A	Category I rigid plastic packaging with volume or weight equal or more than 0.9 liter or kg but less than 4.9 litres or kg, as the case may be	
I	2025 – 26	10
II	2026 – 27	15
III	2027-28	20
IV	2028-29 and onwards	25
B	Category I rigid plastic packaging with volume of weight equal or more than 4.9 litres or kg.	
I	2025 – 26	70
II	2026 – 27	75
III	2027-28	80
IV	2028-29 and onwards	85

Obligation for recycling- Brand owner

Plastic packaging category	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28 and onwards
Category I	50	60	70	80
Category II	30	40	50	60
Category III	30	40	50	60
Category IV	50	60	70	80

Obligation to use recycled plastic content

(% of manufactured plastic for the year)

Plastic packaging category	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29 and onwards
Category I	30	40	50	60
Category II	10	10	20	20
Category III	5	5	10	10

If a producer, manufacturer, or brand owner cannot complete their EPR targets, they can buy EPR credits from those who have met EPR targets and have access to share.

Plastic waste management rules 2016-

https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/plastic/downloads/Plastic_Waste_Management_Rules_March_2016.pdf

Plastic waste management rule, 4th amendment Feb 2022- ALL ABOUT EPR

[https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/plastic/downloads/4th%20Amendment%20\(EPR%20guidelines\)%20Feb%202022.pdf](https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/plastic/downloads/4th%20Amendment%20(EPR%20guidelines)%20Feb%202022.pdf)

List of Certified Manufacturers/Sellers for Marketing and Selling of Compostable

Carrybags/Products- https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/plasticwaste/Certified_Manufacturers_&_sellers.pdf

List of accepted brand owners and producers- https://cpcb.nic.in/uploads/plasticwaste/Brand-owners_Producers_list.pdf

FAQs- <https://eprplastic.cpcb.gov.in/plastic/downloads/FAQs.pdf>

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- 1) EPR Registration Consultancy
- 2) EPR Compliance Management
- 3) Virtual Consultancy on Technical Queries
- 4) Follow up with CPCB and any SPCB
- 5) Waste Management Vendor Audits
- 6) Recyclers Audits
- 7) Annual Maintenance of Regulatory Compliance
- 8) EPR Target Management
- 9) Annual Return Filing and Maintenance of Records
- 10) EPR Audits

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