

## Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025

### Introduction

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change ('MoEFCC') has notified the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025, through G.S.R. 73(E), further strengthening the regulatory framework for plastic waste management in India. These amendments introduce enhanced marking and labelling requirements and impose penalties for non-compliance.

### Summary of amendments

#### 1. Enhanced marking and labelling requirements (Rule 11)

- Effective 1 July 2025, producers, importers, and brand owners ('PIBO's) must provide specified information about plastic packaging using one of the following methods:
  - a) Barcode or QR code on the plastic packaging.
  - b) Product Information Brochure accompanying the packaging.
  - c) Unique number issued under any applicable law (to be issued only after compliance with Rule 11), ensuring all necessary product details are provided before issuance.
- PIBOs must inform the Central Pollution Control Board ('CPCB') about their chosen method.
- CPCB will publish and update a list of compliant entities on its website, quarterly.)

#### 2. Penalties for non-compliance (New Rule 19)

- Any person contravening the rules will be liable to penalties under section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

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### 3. Purpose of the amendments

- Improve traceability and transparency in plastic packaging.
- Enable authorities and consumers to access relevant product information easily.
- Strengthen compliance mechanisms through a publicly available CPCB database.
- Ensure accountability by introducing penalties for non-compliance.

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## Therefore

With the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025, the government reinforces its commitment to reduce plastic waste and improving environmental compliance. PIBOs must align with the new labelling requirements before 1 July 2025, and ensure timely reporting to CPCB to avoid penalties.

