AMENDMENT

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G.S.R. 73(E), A NOTIFICATION of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change dated January 23, 2025, makes the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2025, further amending the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. The rules come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

THE CHANGE

Rule 11 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 gains a sub-rule (1A): from July 1, 2025 a producer, importer or brand owner may provide the information specified under sub-rule (1) in a barcode or QR code printed on the plastic packaging, in the product information brochure, or by printing a unique number issued under any law in force. A new rule 19 makes a contravention liable to a penalty under section 15 of the Act.

KEY FACTS

TYPE
Amendment

G.S.R. NUMBER
G.S.R. 73(E)

DATED
January 23, 2025

APPLIES FROM
On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed. The options in rule 11(1A) apply from July 1, 2025 (“with effect from the 1st July, 2025”)

REFERENCES

G.S.R. 73(E)

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A new sub-rule (1A) of rule 11 lets a producer, importer or brandowner, from July 1, 2025, provide the information specified under sub-rule (1) in a barcode or Quick Response code printed on the plastic packaging, in the product information brochure, or by printing on the plastics packaging the unique number issued under any law for the time being in force, "wherein, the provisions of sub-rule (1) are required to be fulfilled before issuance of such a number". The producer, importer or brandowner informs the Central Pollution Control Board of the option used, and the Board publishes a list of them on its website, updated every quarter.

A new rule 19, Action for contravention, makes any person who fails to comply or contravenes the provisions of these rules liable to a penalty in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Act.

The notification (F. No. 17/6/2023 HSM) appears in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), No. 44, dated January 23, 2025. Its Note records the principal rules, G.S.R. 320(E) dated March 18, 2016, and their amendments, the last by G.S.R. 201(E) dated March 14, 2024.

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Dated	January 23, 2025
Gazette ID	CG-DL-E-23012025-260415
Rule	Plastic
Type	Amendment
Amends	Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016
Products	Plastic packaging
What it does	Rule 11 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016 gains a sub-rule (1A): from July 1, 2025 a producer, importer or brand owner may provide the information specified under sub-rule (1) in a barcode or QR code printed on the plastic packaging, in the product information brochure, or by printing a unique number issued under any law in

	force. A new rule 19 makes a contravention liable to a penalty under section 15 of the Act.
Applies from	On the date of their publication in the Official Gazette (rule 1(2)); no calendar date is printed. The options in rule 11(1A) apply from July 1, 2025 (“with effect from the 1st July, 2025”)
Conditions	• A producer, importer or brand owner using one of the options shall inform the Central Pollution Control Board of the details of publishing of the barcode or QR code, brochure or unique number. • The Central Pollution Control Board publishes the list of producers, importers or brand owners who have provided the details on its website and updates it every quarter. • The unique number is one issued under any law for the time being in force, “wherein, the provisions of sub-rule (1) are required to be fulfilled before issuance of such a number” (the rule's words).
Applies to	Producers, importers and brand owners of plastic packaging under rule 11 of the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016; and any person who fails to comply with or contravenes those rules.
Issued under	Sections 3, 6 and 25 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986)
Signed by	VED PRAKASH MISHRA, Jt Secy.

The notification, entry by entry

Entry	Text
Rule 11, sub-rule (1A), inserted after sub-rule (1)	(1A) A producer, importer or brandowner may, with effect from the 1st July, 2025, provide the information specified under sub-rule (1) as given below,- a. in a barcode or Quick Response code printed on the plastic packaging; b. in the product information brochure; c. print on the plastics packaging the unique number issued under any law for the time being in force, wherein, the provisions of sub-rule (1) are required to be fulfilled before issuance of such a number:
Rule 11(1A), first proviso	Provided that the producer or importer or brandowner shall inform the details of publishing of a barcode or QR code, brochure or unique number to the Central Pollution Control Board:
Rule 11(1A), second proviso	Provided further that the Central Pollution Control Board shall publish the list, of such producers, importers or brandowners, who have provided with details and the product information using any one of above option, on its website and update the same every quarter.
Rule 19, inserted after rule 18	19. Action for contravention.- Any person who fails to comply or contravenes the provisions of these rules shall be liable to a penalty in accordance with the provisions of section 15 of the Act.

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