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MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE GOVT. OF INDIA Dated: 01.02.2022

To.

The Chairperson, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs North Block, Secretariat Building. New Delhi - 110001

Sub: Phasing out Single Use Plastic (SUP)

o.B-17011/7/UPC-II-PWM (MLP)/2021

Sir.

Hon'ble Prime Minister of India announced India's pledge to phase out SUPs by 2022 on the World Environment Day, June 05, 2018, and also pitched for freedom for India from SUP while delivering his Independence Day speech on August 15, 2019;

MoEF&CC issued Notification, dated August 12, 2021 which mandated banning of identified SUP items and prescribed minimum thickness of carry bag with effect from July 01, 2022 (Copy enclosed).

As per Rule 4(2) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended), "The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of following single use plastic (SUP), including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, commodities shall be prohibited with effect from the 1st July, 2022:

- a. ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, polystyrene [Thermocol] for decoration;
- b. Plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 micron, stirrers;

As per Rules 4(1)(c) of PWM Rules, 2016 (as amended) "Carry bag made of virgin or recycled plastic, shall not be less seventy five microns in thickness with effect from the 30th September, 2021 and one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness with effect from 31st December, 2022

For effective implementation of the above, you are requested to kindly issue necessary instructions to all concerned for so as to ensure that adequate checks and balances are put in place to ensure that consignment of imports of aforementioned banned SUP items are not cleared but seized immediately with effect from the date specified under the aforesaid notification.

Encl.: As above

Yours faithfully.

(Tanmay Kumar) Chairman A