



## **Ban on Identified Single Use Plastic Items Effective July 1, 2022**

Ban on identified single use plastic items effective July 1, 2022, in accordance with the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules 2021.

The notice is applicable across India.

The manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of the following single-use plastic items, including polystyrene and expanded polystyrene commodities shall be prohibited effective July 1, 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.

The notice also states carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic shall not be less than 75 microns in thickness effective September 30, 2022 and 120 microns in thickness effective December 31, 2022.