

**Government of Rajasthan  
Department of Environment**

No. F.8(1)Env/99 Part

Jaipur, dated:

**13 SEP 2010**

All District Collectors  
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All Regional Officers,  
Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board  
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**Sub: Notification dated 21.7.10 banning Plastic Carry Bags – Clarification regarding.**

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to say that vide Notification No.F.8(1)/Env/99/Part dated 21.7.10, Plastic Carry Bags have been banned in the State w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2010. It has been clarified in notification in form of Explanation that:

*For the purpose of this Notification the carry bags shall have the same meaning as defined The Plastic Manufacture, Sale & Usage Rules, 1999. The containers used for packaging food material, milk and raising plants in the nurseries are not carry bags.*

This Department is getting reports that the plastic containers, which are used for the packaging of the commodities, have now replaced plastic carry bags in the market. Shopkeepers and Thelawalas are filling the commodities in the plastic containers partly and tie it with thread or rope. Thus, un-filled portion of the container is being used for carrying. By this method the shopkeepers/thelawalas are using the plastic container as plastic carry bags.

The definition of plastic carry bag given in - The Plastic Manufacture, Sale & Usage Rules, 1999, is as under:-

*“Carry bags” means plastic bags which have a self carrying feature commonly known as vest type bags or any other feature used to carry commodities such as “D” punched bags; as illustrated in the Annexure to these rules;*

Obviously, partly filled plastic containers tied with thread or rope or stapled, have the self carrying feature and hence, will come under the definition of carry bags.

It has also been observed that shopkeepers are keeping plastic containers at the sale points saying that they will use it for packaging when checked but actually they are using it as carry bag in the manner explained above. Hence, to make the ban effective, the following clarifications are issued:-

1. Plastic Containers being used as partly filled and tied with threads or rope or stapled comes under the definition of Carry Bags and hence, are banned.
2. Only sealed plastic packages filled fully with commodities are allowed but loose plastic containers found at the shops or selling points will be treated as plastic carry bags.

Yours faithfully,

*(M.S. Tewari)*

Director-Cum-Deputy Secretary,  
Environment

Copy to: The Member Secretary, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board for information & necessary action.

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