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Prohibitory Order

Shillong, May 29, 2025: In pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court of Meghalaya directives to all districts to take stringent actions against the sale and use of single use plastics and plastic carry bags of size less than the prescribed thickness, the District Magistrate, East Khasi Hills has directed all manufacturers/stockists/distributors/retailers and general public that stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags less than one hundred and twenty (120) microns in thickness and the following identified single use plastic items is strictly prohibited w.e.f. June 1st 2025.

- 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, stirrers, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, plastic or PVC banners less than 1 00 micron
- c) Single Use Plastics claiming to be Biodegradable and Oxo-biodegradable without the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) Certificate

Failure to comply with the above order shall be liable for penalty under Section 18 of the amended Plastic Waste Management Rules dated July 6, 2022 enacted under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.