

The logo for Corpbiz, featuring a stylized 'C' with a blue and orange gradient, followed by the word 'orpbiz' in a dark blue, sans-serif font. The logo is enclosed in a white circle.

**BIS to issue standards for plastic to be used as alternatives for single-use plastic**

## **BIS to issue standards for plastic to be used as alternatives for single-use plastic**

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has released new standards that shall be used as alternatives to single-use plastic.

Recently the Delhi government issued a ban on single-use plastic from July 1 2022. A wide array of items have been banned from use, and this includes plastic straws, poly bags, plastic sticks for candies/ ice creams, thermocol, plastic cutlery, wrapping papers and PVC banners of less than microns. These single-use plastic items are not recycled properly and often end up in landfills or polluting the water bodies.

Environment minister Bhupender Yadav stated that around 3.5 million tonnes of plastic are generated across India. He stated that this step of introducing BIS standards for plastic taken up by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs should enable the manufacturers to make products that shall be degraded aerobically in accordance with the new standards.

The ban is not only for the manufacturers. It shall be extended to importers, distributors, sellers and also to people who are responsible for stocking it.

An official from Environment Ministry said that “The Central Pollution Control Board is in talks with all the state boards for effective implementation and, most important, to raise awareness about the July 1 ban amongst the common public,”

The officer continued that notification is not a sudden response to tackle environmental concerns. He said that it is being released after consultation and planning with all the stakeholders involved, and hence it was in process for a long period.



**Ganesh Nair**

Legal Researcher

R&D Corpbiz