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Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Authorization

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Authorization is required for manufacturers and importers of Electronic Goods into India. They are held responsible for safe disposal of the electronic items sold by them after these items have completed their life cycle which is defined for each electronic product by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB).

Two categories of electrical and electronic equipment namely:

1. IT and Telecommunication Equipment and
2. Consumer Electricals and Electronics such as TVs, Refrigerators Air Conditioners including fluorescent and other mercury containing lamps are covered under these Rules.

EPR (Extended Producers Responsibility) Authorization from Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)

Extended producer Responsibility deals under **E-Waste (Management and handlings) Rules 2018**, wherein producers of electrical or electronics equipment, are held accountable to manage such equipment after its **“End of life”**.

As per environmental policy, stated producer has the responsibility, for reducing environmental impact and managing the product and their waste, are extended to across the whole life cycle of the product. As per **Rule 13 (1) (ii), (iii) & (vi) of E - Waste (Management) Rules, 2016**, Central pollution control board has been mandated to grant, renew or refuse Extended producers responsibility(EPR) -Authorization to Producers of the Electrical & Electronic Equipment (EEE).

Central pollution control board has made direction on implementation of E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2016, which includes specific direction for Producers and other stakeholders for **extended producer responsibility (EPR) Authorization, channelization, collection, storage, transportation, environmentally sound dismantling, recycling and refurbishment**.

On March 22, 2018, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF & CC) amended the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016. These rules will be further called *E-Waste (Management) Amendment Rules, 2018*. In October 2017, the MoEF & CC came out with a draft notification where the ministry has proposed to relax the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) plan by reducing e-waste collection targets for industries. The industries are liable to collect only 10 per cent of e-waste during their first year, 20% during their second year, and 30% during their third year and so on.

Targets for Extended Producer Responsibility – Authorisation for Producers/importers, who have recently started their operations, whose number of years of operations is lesser than the average life of the product they are selling as follows:

No.	Year	E-Waste Collection Target (Number/Weight)
1.	During first two year of implementation of rules	5% of the quantity of waste generation as indicated in Extended Producer Responsibility Plan.
2.	During third and fourth years of implementation of rules	10% of the quantity of waste generation as indicated in Extended Producer Responsibility Plan.
3.	During Fifth and Sixth years of implementation of rules	15% of the quantity of waste generation as indicated in Extended Producer Responsibility Plan.
4.	Seventh year onward of implementation of rules	20% of the quantity of waste generation as indicated in Extended Producer Responsibility Plan.

What Are the Responsibilities of Producers For ERP Authorization?

1. Producers accountable for collection and channelization of e-waste generated from “end of life” or “end of life” products with same electrical and electronic equipment code.
2. Producers make a mechanism used for channelization of e-waste from “end of life” products including wasted collected from distributor and authorized service centres.
3. Producer responsible for disposal in treatment, storage and disposal facility, a pre-treatment is necessary for hazardous substances such as mercury, lead.
4. Producers must mentioned arrangements for collection of waste electrical and electronic equipment from the electrical and electronic equipment placed on the market earlier, such as through dealer, collection centre, Producers’ Responsibility Organization, through buy back arrangements, exchange scheme, deposit refund system in Extended Producers Responsibility plan.
5. Producers provide contact details such as address, email id, toll free telephone number or helpline number to consumer or bulk consumer through their website.
6. Producers have to organize awareness programme and create awareness through media, advertisement, publication, and poster or by any other means of communication and product user documentation accompanying the equipment.

Responsibilities of Collection centres

Collection centres responsible to collect e-waste on behalf of producer or dismantler or recycler or refurbisher including those arising from orphaned products and ensure that the facility in accordance with the standards or guidelines issued by Central pollution Board.

Responsibilities of Dealers

In the case the dealer has been given the responsibility of collection on behalf of the producer, the dealer shall collect the e-waste by providing the consumer a box, bin or a demarcated area to deposit e-waste, or through take back system and send the e-waste so collected to collection centre or dismantler or recycler as designated by producer and ensure that no damage is caused to the environment during storage and transportation of e-waste.

Responsibilities of the Refurbisher

Refurbisher collect e-waste generated during the process of refurbishing and channelize the waste to authorized dismantler or recycler through its collection centre and ensure that the refurbishing process do not have any adverse effect on the health and the environment.

Responsibilities of the Dismantler

The dismantler ensure that the facility and dismantling processes are in accordance with the standards or guidelines prescribed by Central Pollution Control Board from time to time and ensure that non-recyclable or non-recoverable components are sent to authorized treatment storage and disposal facilities.

Procedure for evaluation of grant/renewal/refusal of ERP Authorization

The producer or manufacturer, dismantler, recycler, refurbisher of the Electrical and Electronic Equipment can make online application at Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) web Portal , state pollution control board web portal respectively along with required attachment or by submitting hard copies of application in Form-I along with required documents, the applicant is required to check all the documents before filing.

The Central Pollution Control Board (“CPCB”) has, in a recent notice, emphasized the requirement for all producers of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (“EEE”), under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2016, to obtain Extended Producer Accountability – Authorization (“EPR – Authorization”) from CPCB. The EPR – Authorization can be obtained by applying in **Form-I**.

The **EPR – Authorization** is needed to be obtained for ensuring that end – of – life EEE generated from the products of the producers are channelized to authorised dismantlers/ recyclers.

Failure to obtain EPR– Authorization will be considered a violation of the Rules and will be punishable under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 i.e., with imprisonment up to 5 years with fine up to Rs. 1 Lac, or with both.

Documents required for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) from Central Pollution Control Board.

1. IEC, GST, Pan Card & Aadhar Card Copy of Importer
2. Certificate of incorporation of PVT LTD / LTD.
3. List of products with Model No. and Quantity (Approx.)
4. If Previous sale already then required
5. Date of first sales (day/month/year) and Quantity
6. Products details with model number
7. Country of origin
8. Required Toll free number
9. Required website

Procedure to Obtain certificate from Central Pollution Control Board:-

1. Connect to Ecyclear team.
2. Provide necessary documents for Central pollution control board.
3. We will manage the whole process of getting certificate of EPR from CPCB.
4. Our EPR team will consult you and complete the whole procedure to obtain certificate for extended producer responsibility.
5. We will draft & file the application with CPCB.
6. We will take follows-ups with CPCB.
7. We will deliver a copy of certificate to you via email and courier.

Verification of application:-

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) or State pollution control board may verify and investigate the given information **within 25 days** of receipt of application.

Seeking and Grant of Authorization for Extended Procedure's Responsibility (EPR):-

Central pollution control board or State pollution control board after verifying given document and satisfied with extended producers responsibility plan shall grant extended producers responsibility authorization in **Form no 1(AA)** within a period of **one hundred and twenty days** from receipt of application.

The Extended Producers Responsibility authorization shall be valid for a period of **five years**.