The EPR committee has finalised the EPR framework subject to which all Producers, Importers & Brand Owners (PIBOs) shall be allowed to bring in their packaged plastic goods falling outside the purview of single use plastic ban vide notification no. 186 dated 05.09.2019 under the following conditions:

a) All plastic packaged products falling outside the purview of the single use plastic ban vide Notification No. 186 dated 05.09.2019 shall only be allowed for entry into A&N islands. Further, those falling in the purview of the said Notification shall continue to be banned and shall not be allowed to be brought into these islands under any circumstances.

b) They shall collaborate with the concerned local bodies i.e PBMC, UD and RD&P for finalisation of the modalities of how the plastic will be collected, processed and transported out by deputing manpower and other resources as required.

c) They shall submit receipts in respect of incoming plastic (packaging or otherwise) as well as plastic taken back along with other requisite information as per prescribed format on a monthly basis. The format is available in the Office of Director, Science and Technology as well as department’s website www.dstpcc.andaman.gov.in.

d) The S&T department shall conduct a quarterly review vis-à-vis the plastic taken back on a quarterly basis and in case of any discrepancies between the two or if the administration feels that the company has not taken back the plastic of previous quarter in the following quarter, the conditional permission will be liable for cancellation with immediate effect.

e) The permission shall be granted for a period of one year at a time further extendable subject to quarterly reviews.

f) A report shall be submitted to the office of Director (S&T) on the quantity and type of goods imported to these islands in advance i.e minimum 15 days before shipment arrives in these islands.

All PIBOs/traders/wholesalers/retailers are hereby directed to comply with the aforesaid conditions with immediate effect. The PIBOs/traders/wholesalers/retailers failing to comply with the directions herein shall not be allowed to bring/sell their plastic packaged goods/products in the A&N islands w.e.f 26th January 2020.

In case of any queries/clarifications, you may contact the Office of Director, Science and Technology at email dstdamans@gmail.com/ Phone No. 03192-250370.

Member Secretary, ANPCC
Format for EPR compliance for companies

This is with reference to the EPR compliance norms under which producers, manufacturers, sellers and distributors of products are responsible for take back/ scientific disposal of plastic content in their products, especially plastic. EPR is significantly important for the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (ANI) which owing to their unique geography, landscape, wildlife and ecology are one of the most beautiful tourist spots in the country. It is thus important that companies support SWM initiatives in these islands by ensuring that they take away all waste that is produced due to their products, so as to the save these islands and their ecology from the various ill effects of trash.

All companies who wish to sell/distribute their products in ANI must give details of how much plastic they are bringing into these islands and how much they are taking back. The format for the same is given below.

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<th>Company Name</th>
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<td><strong>Incoming Plastic</strong></td>
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This format needs to be submitted every month to the department of Science and Technology.

Plastic product/ packaging that will come under the non-recyclable category are as follows:

1. Products marked 7 inside the triangular recycle sign
2. Products with only the triangular recycle sign without any number on them
3. Products with a number greater than 7 inside the triangular recycle sign
4. Products marked 6 inside the triangular recycle sign
5. Any packaging that has metallized polypropylene, such as wrappers of chips, biscuits, chocolates, namkeen, toffees etc

Indicative pictures of above mentioned symbols and numbers is given at the end of this document.

Receipts of transportation of waste from Port Blair/ANI to mainland must be maintained and submitted monthly. At the end of every quarter, the quantities and the receipts will be checked to assess how much waste the companies have taken back.