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OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Adoption of "No Plastic Policy" at VOCPA

In alignment with the Government of India's Plastic Waste Management Rules (2016 and subsequent amendments), international sustainability commitments, and VOCPA's green port vision, the following "No Plastic Policy" is hereby adopted and enforced across all operational areas, administrative offices, and associated activities within the jurisdiction of VOC Port Authority (VOCPA).

1. Policy Statement

VOC Port Authority (VOCPA) is fully committed to creating a plastic-free and environmentally responsible port ecosystem. The policy aims to systematically eliminate single-use plastics (SUPs), minimize plastic waste generation, encourage sustainable alternatives, and protect marine and terrestrial ecosystems, while contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 12, 14, and 15).

2. Applicability

This policy applies to:

- All port premises including offices, terminals, warehouses, workshops, and public areas.
- VOCPA employees, contractors, tenants, port users, vendors, suppliers, shipping lines, agents, and visitors.
- All operational, commercial, logistical, and ancillary activities within VOCPA limits.

3. Prohibited Plastic Items

The following single-use plastic items are strictly prohibited within VOCPA premises:

- Plastic carry bags of all thicknesses.
- Plastic cups, glasses, plates, cutlery (spoons, forks, straws, stirrers).
- Plastic packaging film (below 50 microns).
- Plastic banners, flex, hoardings, balloons, decorative plastic materials.

4. Recommended Alternatives

All stakeholders are encouraged to adopt:

- Cloth, jute, and paper bags.
- Steel, glass, ceramic, and bamboo utensils.
- Biodegradable packaging materials certified by BIS/CPCB.
- Compostable and eco-friendly substitutes.

5. Implementation Measures

- Procurement Control: All procurement processes will mandate plastic-free or certified eco-friendly alternatives.
- Waste Management: Segregation at source, designated collection points, and authorized recycling partners.
- Monitoring: Surprise inspections, audits, and environmental performance reviews.
- Awareness & Training: Regular sensitization programs for employees, port users, contractors, and local communities.
- Stakeholder Contracts: Mandatory compliance clause on plastic use in all contracts and agreements.

6. Compliance & Enforcement

- Non-compliance will attract warnings, monetary penalties, suspension of operations, or contract termination.
- A grievance redressal mechanism will be operational for reporting violations.

7. Monitoring Authority

The Environmental Cell of VOCPA shall be the nodal authority for implementing, monitoring, and periodically reviewing this policy. Quarterly reports shall be submitted to the Chairman and included in VOCPA's Annual Sustainability Report.

8. Effective Date

This policy comes into effect immediately upon issuance of this Office Order. All departments, stakeholders, and contractual parties are directed to take cognizance and ensure strict compliance.



(Chairman)
VOC Port Authority

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1. All Department Heads
2. Contractors & Licensees through Civil & Mechanical Department
3. Tenants & Lessees through EE/Estate Management Division
4. Shipping Agents & Stakeholders through Traffic Department
5. Environmental Cell
6. President, Canteen Committee
7. Office File
8. Notice Boards