



## NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### **IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT (EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)) REGULATIONS, 2024**

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The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) was established under Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999 to exercise general supervision over all matters of environment and is the principal instrument of the Government in implementation of all environmental policies.

The Government of Kenya, through the Cabinet Secretary (Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry) gazetted the Sustainable Waste Management (**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Regulations 2024 on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**). These regulations aim to promote environmentally sound management of products throughout their life cycle, to obligate producers to take responsibility for the end-of-life (post-consumer) management of their products and to operationalize polluter pay principle.

#### **Key highlights on the EPR Regulations**

1. The regulations apply to all **producers** (manufacturers, importers and brand owners) of products **listed in the first schedule** of these regulations and the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for the **products category** in the first schedule.
2. These regulations highlights the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) obligations that each producer shall execute as per (regulation 5).
3. All importers of products listed in the first schedule shall within six months from the gazette date (4<sup>th</sup> November 2024) register with NEMA and pay fees as per the first schedule.
4. All producers (brand owners) of products listed in the first schedule shall within six (6) months apply to NEMA for registration and issuance of extended Producer responsibility Certificate.
5. Requirements for registration of Producers, Importers and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Schemes.
6. Requirements for licensing of the Extended Producer Responsibility schemes for the products category.
7. Requirements for Registration and licensing fees.

This **therefore is a call to all producers (brand owners)** to familiarize themselves with the provisions of these regulations and take the necessary **steps for compliance**.

The application can be effected through our Nema portal:[www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke). You can download the regulations from the NEMA website [www.nema.go.ke](http://www.nema.go.ke) for further details on

the regulations. For any enquiries contact NEMA on the telephone numbers indicated on the website or via email on [info@nema.go.ke](mailto:info@nema.go.ke)

The Authority is committed to ensuring a clean, healthy and sustainably managed environment for a prosperous Nation.

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