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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject: Clarifications on the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016 -Reg.**

This relates to issue clarifications on the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016. It is brought notice that there are some misinterpretation regarding phasing out of blood bags and on the operation of existing operating On-site Treatment facilities in HCFs (Health care Facilities). The mater has been examined in the Ministry and the following clarifications are issued:

Rule 4(d) "*phase out use of chlorinated plastic bags, gloves and blood bags within two years from the date of notification of these rules;*

Clarification: As regards phasing out of blood bags it is clarified that the aim of the notification is to phase out all the chlorinated plastic bags so as to eliminate the emission of dioxin and furan when it is burnt.

Rule 7 (3): "*No occupier shall establish on-site treatment and disposal facility, if a service of common bio-medical waste treatment facility is available at a distance of seventy-five kilometer.*"

Clarification: The Rule 7(3) of restricts only establishment of on-site treatment facilities and not the operation of the existing facility. Therefore, the biomedical waste treatment facility existed/that were in operation prior to the issue of these rules, can continue their operations.

  
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