

# National Environment Management Authority

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

The National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) was established under the Environmental Management and Coordination Act 1999 to exercise general supervision over all matters environment and is the principal instrument of 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 pays 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 of the EPR regulations.
2. These regulations highlight 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 gazettment date (4th November 2024) register with NEMA and pay the requisite fees as per the first schedule.
4. All producers (brand owners) of products listed in the first schedule shall within six (6) months of commencement of these regulations 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, including importers, manufacturers, brand owners**, to immediately apply for registration by logging into NEMA website, licensing portal, Extended Producer Responsibility

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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