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Annual Return Filing Deadline for Plastic Packaging EPR Extended to November 30, 2024 for FY 2023-24

In a significant update, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has announced an extension in the timeline for filing the Annual Return (AR) by registered Producers, Importers, and Brand Owners (PIBOs) as well as Plastic Waste Processors (PWPs) for the fiscal year 2023-24. According to the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Guidelines notified by MoEF&CC as the IV Amendment to the Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules on February 16, 2022, PIBOs and PWPs who were registered during the fiscal year 2022-24 on the EPR Plastic Portal are required to file their Annual Returns for FY 2023-24 by September 30, 2024, respectively. However, following the issuance of an Office Memorandum (OM) dated June 18, 2024, by MoEF&CC, it has been officially communicated that the deadline for filing the Annual Return on the EPR portal for plastic packaging for the FY 2023-24 has been extended to **November 30, 2024**, for both PIBOs and PWPs registered during the year FY 2023-24.