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To  
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**Chief Secretary**  
**Government of Tamil Nadu Secretariat**  
**Chennai-600009, Tamil Nadu**

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Respected Sir,

Greetings from The All India Plastic Manufacturers' Association (AIPMA).

*This has reference to the notifications by the Government of Tamil Nadu (mention notification numbers and dates).* Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the attention was directed towards plastics focused on banning single-use variants of the materials. However, amidst the imminent health-risk posed by Corona-Virus, plastic has visibly been playing a crucial role in this hour of dire need. PPE Kits, Face-masks, Face-shield, Sanitizer bottles, Ventilator-parts are all plastic products that are covered under 'Essential Category' protecting Corona frontline warriors by serving as a safety screen. Doctors, nurses, police-officers and government officials who are involved in high-risk areas need more and more advanced protective gears. Apart from medical supplies, even food supplies like vegetables, fruits, milk and bread are being distributed as part of relief packages by the individuals, NGOs and institutions. The likelihood of contracting the Corona Virus in absence of plastics and food contamination would be high. The masses not following best hygiene practices are further at risk, if the right products such as soaps, sanitizers are not acquired by local shop-keepers at a timely basis. The entire value-chain is being affected and is at present demanding for plastic packaging in the state of Tamil Nadu.

As a wide range of plastic materials have proved their significance at this crucial time, AIPMA calls for allowing the use of plastic to manage the Covid-19 containment. Hence, the **Single-Use Plastic Packaging** in large volume majorly for packaging of food products, and critical care items to avoid contaminants entering the food-chain.

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