Proposals of Pakistan on Extended Producer Responsibility

Extended producers' responsibility is defined in Single Use Plastic Prohibition Regulations 2023 in Pakistan which means the responsibility of a producer for environmentally sound management of the product until the end of its life;

Furthermore, under these Regulations, it is the responsibility of producers, importers and beverage manufacturers to formulate a plan for single-use plastic waste collection system based on extended producers responsibility which shall be submitted to the Federal Agency for approval not later than three months from the commencement of these regulations. But no plan has been received since 1 August 2023.

Pakistan would like to suggest that a robust and viable EPR system with operative mechanism, incentives and tax provision so that collection, segregation, transportation, recycling or disposal of plastics waste generated by producers, importers and beverage manufacturers may be increased.

In addition, under EPR systems, producers, importers and beverage manufacturers should be bound to share the details of their plastic products in quantity as well as in metric tons with types of polymers along with collection and recycling plan on annual basis to the Governments.

Producers, importers and beverage manufacturers are earning revenue from the countries but they are not investing on environment for protection of human health particularly for ending plastic pollution. Even they are not supporting and facilitating waste pickers those are collecting their products from garbage and dumping sites.

Pakistan supports option 2.