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Sub: Illegal Disposal of Biomedical Waste through the Plastic Vendors & Pickers - Intimation - Reg;

Ref: 1. IMAGE previous circular No. IMAGE/29091/18/2 dtd 25.06.18

2. Biomedical Waste Management Rules 2016

3. CPCB Guidelines for implementation of BMW M Rules to the HCEs

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the IMAGE [Indian Medical Association Goes Ecofriendly].

We are writing to draw your immediate attention to the circular mentioned above regarding the disposal of entire biomedical waste generated in healthcare institutions, including plastic biomedical waste and rubber items. This includes but is not limited to IV Fluid Bottles, Plastic Medicine Containers, IV Tubing & Sets, Catheters, Urine Bags, Syringes, Vacutainers, gloves, rubber teats, and rubber aprons, which must be handed over to IMAGE for autoclaving and scientific disposal after proper segregation.

It has come to our attention that some healthcare institutions have been selling plastic biomedical waste through unauthorized sellers, which is illegal and punishable under the Biomedical Waste Management Rules 2016.



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In light of recent cases before the National Green Tribunal (NGT), authorities from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) are conducting surprise visits to Healthcare Establishments in Kerala to investigate the illegal disposal of plastic biomedical waste. Furthermore, we have been instructed to report the list of such HCEs that fail to hand over the red category of biomedical waste to the Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facilities. Consequently, we have initiated monitoring of healthcare institutions by deploying a special team, and the list of erring HCEs will be reported accordingly to both the State and Central PCBs and the other government authorities.

Violation of the above regulations may result in the loss of IMAGE Affiliation and potential penal actions from government authorities like State and Central Pollution Control Boards.

We urge you to treat this communication as a priority matter and issue necessary instructions to ensure compliance with the Biomedical Waste Management Rules, 2016, within your institution.

Yours Sincerely,

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