SINDH ACT NO.XV OF 2006

THE SINDH PROHIBITION ON MANUFACTURE, SALE AND USE OF POLYTHENE BAGS ACT, 2006.

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[27th December, 2006]

An act to prohibit, manufacture, sale and use of black polythene bangs in including polythene bags below thirty micron thickness in the Province.

WHEREAS it is expedient in the public interest to prohibit, Preamble. manufacture, sale, and use of black polythene bags including the polythene bags below thirty micron thickness in the Province in the manner hereinafter appearing and to provide for matters ancillary thereto;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Prohibition on **Short title and** commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the **Definitions.** subject or context-

- (a) "factory" means any premises where polythene bags are manufactured and produced;
- (b) "Government" means the Government of the Sindh;
- (c) "person" includes shopkeeper, factory owner, hawker and any person associated with manufacture or sale of polythene bags;
- (d) "polythene bags" means a leading product of plastic prepared from polythene granules;
- (e) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules; and
- (f) "rules" mean rules made under this Act.

3. No person shall manufacture, sell or use black polythene **Restriction** bags including the polythene bags below thirty micron thickness and size as may be prescribed or offer any kind of eatable and non-eatable goods in such polythene bags.

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4. Any person who contravenes the provisions of section 3 shall be punished with Imprisonment for term which may extend to three months or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees or with both:

Provided that if a person convicted for an offence punishable under this section is again convicted for such offence, the fine shall extend to one lac rupees and the term of imprisonment shall extend to six month.

5. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, an offence punishable under this Act shall be bail-able and triable under the provisions of the said Code, by a Judicial Magistrate specially empowered in this behalf under section 24 of the Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997.

6. No Court shall take cognizance of an offence **Cognizance of** under this Act except upon a Compliant in writing by the **offence**. Director General of the Provincial Environmental Agency or any other Officer of the Agency authorized by him.

7. This Act shall have effect notwithstanding anything Act to override contained in any other Law for the time being in force. Other laws etc.

8. No suit, prosecution or other legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything which is in good faith done or intend to be done under this Act. Protection of action taken under the Act.

9. Government may, by notification in official Gazette, **Power to make** make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act. **Rules.**